SENATE MEMORIAL 7

42ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1996

INTRODUCED BY

LEONARD LEE RAWSON

A MEMORIAL

SEEKING TO INVITE THE BASS ANGLERS SPORTSMAN SOCIETY TO CONDUCT A BASSMASTER INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT AT ELEPHANT BUTTE RESERVOIR.

WHEREAS, Elephant Butte reservoir in Sierra county is widely known as an excellent bass fishery; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico bass fishing clubs regularly hold successful catch-and-release bass fishing tournaments at Elephant Butte reservoir; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico bass federation is affiliated with the bass anglers sportsman society (B.A.S.S.), the world's largest fishing organization; and

WHEREAS, the bass anglers sportsman society is interested in expanding their bassmaster invitational tournament trail schedule to include a western division; and

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1   WHEREAS, B.A.S.S. gains recognition for the sport of bass

2   fishing, fosters a respect for the resource and has become one

3   of the nation's leading publishers and multimedia companies in

4   the outdoor field in that its magazine reaches six million

5   readers and its television program reaches forty-three million

6   households each year; and

7   WHEREAS, bassmaster invitational tournaments benefit host

8   communities by enhancing tourism, creating press and television

9   site exposure, providing immediate positive economic impacts in

10   excess of eight hundred thousand dollars ($800,000) and

11   promoting ongoing goodwill; and

12   WHEREAS, the New Mexico bass federation, the communities of

13   Truth or Consequences, Elephant Butte Dam and Williamsburg, the

14   county of Sierra and the state would stand to gain in many ways

15   by hosting an annual bassmasters invitational tournament at

16   Elephant Butte reservoir;

17   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE

18   OF NEW MEXICO that the state, Sierra county and the communities

19   of Truth or Consequences, Elephant Butte Dam and Williamsburg be

20   encouraged to invite B.A.S.S. to consider including Elephant

21   Butte reservoir on their western division invitational

22   tournament trail; and

23   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these parties be encouraged to

24   work together to seek to sponsor a bassmaster invitational

25   tournament at Elephant Butte reservoir in the spring of 1998 and

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each year thereafter; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the governor; the secretary of energy, minerals and natural resources; the state game commission; the Sierra county commission; the mayor of Truth or Consequences; the New Mexico bass federation and the bass anglers sportsman society.

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FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION, 1996

February 6, 1996

Mr. President:

   Your **RULES COMMITTEE**, to whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with

recommendation that it **DO PASS**.

Respectfully submitted,

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Gloria Howes, Chairman

Adopted_____ Not Adopted_____

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4   The roll call vote was 5 For 0 Against

5   Yes: 5

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7   Excused: EJennings, Aragon, Rutherford

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