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43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1998

INTRODUCED BY

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO CREATE AN
INTERIM LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE TO STUDY LAND GRANTS IN NEW
MEXICO.

WHEREAS, New Mexico has a unique history in the
acquisition of land due to the substantial number of Spanish
and Mexican land grants that were an integral part of the
colonization and growth of this area of the country; and

WHEREAS, various provisions of the treaties signed under
prior sovereigns have not yet been fully implemented in the
spirit of Article 6 of the constitution of the United States;
and

WHEREAS, serious questions still exist about prior
ownership, particularly about certain public lands; and

WHEREAS, there are numerous land grants throughout the

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1 state with different concerns and issues that need to be
2 heard; and

3 WHEREAS, the legislature could take action to assist land
4 grant heirs to balance the demands of the traditional ways of
5 life with the changes introduced by a growing population and
6 advanced technology;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
8 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico
9 legislative council be requested to create a legislative
10 interim committee to:

11 A. study existing law regarding land grants and
12 develop legislation to improve existing law;

13 B. gather testimony from land grant heirs from
14 across New Mexico to acquire an understanding of the issues
15 and concerns facing them; and

16 C. gather testimony from other community groups
17 and state agencies to understand the relationship between land
18 grant heirs and other property owners in New Mexico; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
20 sent to each member of the New Mexico legislative council.

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5 January 30, 1998
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8 Mr. Speaker:

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10 Your RULES AND ORDER OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE, to
11 whom has been referred

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15 has had it under consideration and finds same to be GERMANE
16 in accordance with constitutional provisions.

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18 Respectfully submitted,
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23 R. David Pederson, Chairman
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7 Yes: 10

8 Excused: Hobbs, Nicely, Ryan, Sanchez, Williams, S.M

9 Absent: None

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7 **Mr. Speaker:**

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9 **Your JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred**

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13 **has had it under consideration and reports same with**
14 **recommendation that it DO PASS.**

15 **Respectfully submitted,**

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20 **Thomas P. Foy, Chairman**

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10 The roll call vote was 7 For 0 Against

11 Yes: 7

12 Excused: Garcia, King, Luna, Pederson, Sanchez, Stewart,

13 Absent: None

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