SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 3

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

INTRODUCED BY

ARTHUR H. RODARTE

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL APPOINT THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE NEEDS OF COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS TO PROVIDE NATURAL GAS UTILITY SERVICES IN RIO ARRIBA AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES.

WHEREAS, in a rural state such as New Mexico, utility services for dispersed communities are often inadequate to meet their needs and economies and citizens' welfare may suffer because of inadequate revenue streams for utilities such as natural gas; and

WHEREAS, substantial investments in infrastructure are required from consumers and new customers before private forprofit companies can justify their decisions to construct the needed service infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, rural communities, with their limited tax base

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and dispersed service population, such as those in Rio Arriba and Sandoval counties in particular, are limited in their abilities to provide public investment for utility services; and

WHEREAS, the legislature has enacted various measures, such as the New Mexico Community Assistance Act, the Water and Sanitation District Act, the Community Service District Act and the Special District Procedures Act to provide communities the means to address unmet needs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the legislative council be requested to direct the appropriate interim committee to study the needs of rural communities, especially in Rio Arriba and Sandoval counties, for mechanisms such as special districts or associations to obtain affordable natural gas utility services in underserved communities and to report its recommendations to the legislative council by November 1, 1998; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the members of the legislative council.

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January 29, 1998

Mr. President:

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

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has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation that it **DO PASS**, amended as follows:

1. On page 2, between lines 17 and 18 insert:

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that should the study find a viable economic approach to the problems outlined in this memorial, and propose public funds be expended to address solutions, the study shall include a plan of cost recovery from subscribers and other private sources; and".,

and thence referred to the **CONSERVATION COMMITTEE.**

Respectfully submitted,

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February 13, 1998

Mr. Speaker:

Your **ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE**, to whom has been referred

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

 $Respectfully \ \ submitted,$

James Roger Madalena, Chairman

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