SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 8

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

INTRODUCED BY

CYNTHIA NAVA

FOR THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION ENCOURAGE THE USE OF INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

WHEREAS, children are especially vulnerable to the toxic effects of chemicals; and

WHEREAS, children deserve environmentally safe schools that promote health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, many pesticides are known to be neurotoxic and can adversely affect memory, attention, concentration and overall learning; and

WHEREAS, the use of chemical pesticides can be significantly reduced by adopting integrated pest management policies that rely primarily on mechanical, physical, cultural and biological measures to control pests; and

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1   WHEREAS, integrated pest management programs encourage
2 the avoidance of pesticides whenever possible and reserve the
3 application of chemical pesticides for when other methods have
4 failed; and
5   WHEREAS, integrated pest management is cost effective and
6 has been successfully implemented in public schools across the
7 country, including schools in Texas, Maryland, Michigan,
8 Oregon and California and at the university of New Mexico; and
9   WHEREAS, integrated pest management in schools is
10 endorsed by the United States environmental protection agency,
11 national parent teacher association and national education
12 association; and
13   WHEREAS, most New Mexico public schools do not practice
14 integrated pest management; and
15   WHEREAS, free guidelines for school integrated pest
16 management are provided by the United States environmental
17 protection agency in the publication "Integrated Pest
18 Management for Schools: A How-To Manual";
19   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
20 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state department of public
21 education encourage the use of integrated pest management in
22 New Mexico schools and encourage schools to notify parents and
23 school occupants prior to the application of pesticides
24 whenever possible and to make applications when the premises
25 are unoccupied; and

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1   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state department of

2   public education report its integrated pest management

3   promotional activities to the legislative education study

4   committee by December 1, 1998; and

5   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be

6   transmitted to the superintendent of public instruction and

7   the director of the legislative education study committee

8   staff for appropriate distribution.

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7   Mr. President:

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

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     has had it under consideration and reports same with

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     recommendation that it **DO PASS**, and thence referred to the

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     EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

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18   Respectfully submitted,

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24   **Gloria Howes, Chairman**

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7 The roll call vote was 5 For 0 Against

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