

1 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 25

2 43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1998

3 INTRODUCED BY

4 JOHN ARTHUR SMITH

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THE APPROPRIATE INTERIM COMMITTEE TO TAKE TESTIMONY
12 ON THE MISSION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

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14 WHEREAS, the law says that the purpose of the department
15 of public safety is to "consolidate state law enforcement and
16 safety functions in order to provide better management, real
17 coordination and more efficient use of state resources and
18 manpower in responding to New Mexico's public safety needs and
19 problems..."; and

20 WHEREAS, the department never has been an agency that
21 performs single-agency, comprehensive public safety functions,
22 as there are a number of public safety functions that reside
23 in other agencies; for example, the state fire marshal and the
24 firefighter's academy are in the state corporation commission;
25 and motor transportation law enforcement functions are in the

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1 taxation and revenue department; and

2 WHEREAS, it is important for the legislature and the
3 executive to analyze and evaluate the appropriateness of
4 current government structure as it relates to public safety;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
6 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the legislative council assign the
7 appropriate legislative interim committee to take testimony on
8 the mission of the department of public safety vis-a-vis other
9 state agencies responsible for public safety issues; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the testimony include an
11 analysis and evaluation of a variety of issues, including:

- 12 A. the status of the state crime laboratory;
- 13 B. the effectiveness of satellite law enforcement
14 training academies located throughout the state;
- 15 C. the moribund state of the governor's organized
16 crime prevention commission; and
- 17 D. the feasibility of permitting small communities
18 to contract with the department of public safety for law
19 enforcement services; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
21 transmitted to the legislative council, the governor and the
22 secretary of public safety.

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2 SECOND SESSION, 1998

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6 February 4, 1998

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8 Mr. President:

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10 Your RULES COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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

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18 Respectfully submitted,

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24 Gloria Howes, Chairman

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Yes: 6

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No: 0

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Excused: Aragon, Campos

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Absent: None

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2 **SECOND SESSION, 1998**

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6 **February 14, 1998**

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8 **Mr. Speaker:**

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10 **Your GOVERNMENT AND URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, to**
11 **whom has been referred**

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

17 **Respectfully submitted,**

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22 **Lynda M. Lovejoy, Chair man**

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9 The roll call vote was 5 For 0 Against

10 Yes: 5

11 Excused: Pearce, Wallace

12 Absent: None

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Mr. President:

Your JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports that same has been duly enrolled and engrossed preparatory to signing by the officers of the Senate.

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Dede Feldman, Co-Chairman

Senator Cisco McSorley, Co-Chairman

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Senator William H. Payne, Co-Chairman

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