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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 53

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

INTRODUCED BY

CARLOS R. CISNEROS

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO CREATE AN
ADVISORY 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
state with different concerns and issues that need to be

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1 heard; and

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

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
7 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the office of the attorney general be
8 requested to create an advisory committee to:

9 A. conduct statewide hearings;

10 B. study existing law regarding land grants and
11 develop legislation to improve existing law for the purpose of
12 supporting and promoting the interests of community land
13 grants;

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

17 D. gather testimony from other community groups
18 and governmental entities to understand the relationship
19 between land grant heirs and other property owners in New
20 Mexico; and

21 E. report to the appropriate legislative interim
22 committee and to the governor recommended changes to existing
23 law, including ownership, water rights, natural resources,
24 sovereignty, land use, industry, eminent domain, planning and
25 zoning prior to the first and second sessions of the forty-

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1 fourth legislature and the first session of the forty-fifth
2 legislature; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
4 sent to the office of the attorney general.

1 FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

2 SECOND SESSION, 1998

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5 February 18, 1998

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7 Mr. President:

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9 Your RULES 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.

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16 Respectfully submitted,

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23 Gloria Howes, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 3 For 2 Against

Yes: 3

No: Adair, Stockard

Excused: Aragon, Gorham, Rodarte

Absent: None

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