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SENATE MEMORIAL 4

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

INTRODUCED BY

PATRICK H. LYONS

A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE STATE LAND OFFICE CONDUCT STUDIES ON THE
FEASIBILITY OF ACQUISITION AND MANAGEMENT OF EAGLE NEST LAKE
FOR PUBLIC BENEFIT AND USE.

WHEREAS, Eagle Nest lake was constructed in 1918 in the
scenic Moreno valley of northern New Mexico by the owner, the
Charles Springer cattle company; and

WHEREAS, Eagle Nest lake has been leased by the state
game commission for public fishing at various times in the
past and the commission presently leases the lake for such
purposes, such lease to expire in the year 2000; and

WHEREAS, Eagle Nest lake is one of the most productive
trout fisheries in the United States and is the most
productive large cold-water lake fishery in the state; and

WHEREAS, Eagle Nest lake attracts over sixty-two thousand

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1 fishermen annually who catch over one hundred eighty thousand
2 fish per year; and

3 WHEREAS, public use of Eagle Nest lake provides
4 tremendous economic benefits to Eagle Nest, Angel Fire and
5 Taos, to Colfax and Taos counties and to the state; and

6 WHEREAS, the owners of Eagle Nest lake have expressed a
7 willingness to discuss options for the state to acquire long-
8 term management of the lake and surrounding property,
9 including long-term lease, purchase, land exchange or other
10 means, so that it will remain in public use and in a pristine
11 condition in perpetuity;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
13 OF NEW MEXICO that the state land office be requested to
14 conduct studies to determine the feasibility of acquiring
15 Eagle Nest lake and the surrounding property for public use to
16 include appraisal, land description and economic analysis of
17 the property and identification of possible other properties
18 available for exchange, if any; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the general services
20 department, the tourism department, the communities of Eagle
21 Nest, Angel Fire, Taos, Red River and Taos Ski Valley, and the
22 C. S. Ranch cooperate with the state land office in its
23 studies; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state land office report
25 its findings and recommendations to the legislature by

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December 1, 1998; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the commissioner of public lands for distribution to interested parties.

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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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Yes: 7

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Excused: Aragon

Absent: None

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14 has had it under consideration and reports that same has been
15 duly enrolled and engrossed preparatory to signing by the
16 officers of the Senate.
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23 Senator Dede Feldman, Co-Chairman
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Senator Cisco McSorley, Co-Chairman

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Senator William H. Payne, Co-Chairman

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