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SENATE MEMORIAL 12

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

INTRODUCED BY

RAYMOND L. KYSAR

A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT PURCHASE OF THE BACA LOCATION NUMBER 1 BY THE
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BE CONTINGENT ON NO NET LOSS OF PRIVATE
LANDS WITHIN THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, the United States government owns approximately
twenty-seven million acres of land within the state of New
Mexico, constituting over one-third of New Mexico's total
acreage; and

WHEREAS, the bureau of land management has identified
approximately one million acres of land in New Mexico under
its control as "surplus" and appropriate for disposal; and

WHEREAS, the United States park service and forest
service have been pursuing vast land acquisition projects
within the state of New Mexico for years; and

WHEREAS, the United States faces a tremendous backlog of

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1 land acquisition projects the federal government has already
2 committed to purchase; and

3 WHEREAS, New Mexico property owners are awaiting promised
4 purchase on numerous park service and forest service projects;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, further increase in the percentage of federal
7 ownership of land within New Mexico may be detrimental to the
8 state;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
10 OF NEW MEXICO that any federal purchase of the Baca location
11 number 1 be contingent on no net loss of private lands within
12 the state of New Mexico, to be accomplished by means of either
13 sale or exchange of surplus public domain lands into private
14 ownership, in amounts equal to the acreage in the Baca
15 purchase; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that further federal purchase of
17 private land in New Mexico commence only subsequent to
18 fulfillment of current federal obligation to purchase from
19 private New Mexico landholders; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
21 transmitted to the New Mexico congressional delegation.

1 FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

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7 Mr. President:

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9 Your CONSERVATION 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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23 Michael S. Sanchez, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 4 For 3 Against

Yes: 4

No: Feldman, Sanchez, Tsosie

Excused: Eisenstadt, Griego, Macias

Absent: None

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