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SENATE MEMORIAL 27

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

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE, JUDICIAL AND EXECUTIVE BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT TO ENSURE THAT THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO HAS A STATE-OF-THE-ART TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK BY THE YEAR 2001.

WHEREAS, New Mexico is enjoying unprecedented population and economic growth that far outstrips the national average, yet New Mexico also remains one of the most rural states in the union; and

WHEREAS, this dichotomy presents unique challenges to meet and serve the telecommunications needs of a diverse population that ranges from nuclear physicists to isolated ranchers; and

WHEREAS, the citizens and government of New Mexico have consistently demonstrated their commitment to education and schools by providing generous funding and state-of-the-art

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1 learning technologies; and

2 WHEREAS, the citizens and government of New Mexico are
3 committed to affordable telecommunications service for all New
4 Mexicans; and

5 WHEREAS, the state of New Mexico has a substantial
6 interest in attracting research, education, industry and
7 technology at higher and higher levels to ensure that New
8 Mexico continues to be the pre-eminent state in the west; and

9 WHEREAS, the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 has
10 changed the regulatory and competitive environments for
11 telecommunications in an effort to promote competition and
12 reduce regulation that will secure lower prices and higher
13 quality services for American telecommunications consumers and
14 encourage rapid deployment of new telecommunications
15 technologies; and

16 WHEREAS, access to, connection with, and inclusion in the
17 rapidly evolving telecommunications network is not a luxury
18 but is a necessity if New Mexico is to fulfill its commitment
19 to its citizens, businesses and schools;

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
21 OF NEW MEXICO that the three branches of the government of the
22 state of New Mexico be requested to take all necessary and
23 proper steps to ensure that by the year 2001, the state of New
24 Mexico has access to all possible informational, technological
25 and educational resources through a state-of-the-art

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1 telecommunications network; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the three branches of the
3 government of the state of New Mexico be requested to take all
4 necessary and proper steps to ensure universal
5 telecommunications service to all citizens of New Mexico; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the three branches of the
7 government of the state of New Mexico be requested to take all
8 necessary and proper steps to protect New Mexico consumers by
9 ensuring fair and equal application of regulations and rules
10 to all telecommunications providers; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
12 sent to the president pro tempore of the senate, the speaker
13 of the house of representatives, the chief justice of the
14 supreme court and the governor.

1 FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

2 SECOND SESSION, 1998

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5 February 16, 1998

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7 Mr. President:

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9 Your CORPORATIONS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE, to
10 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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17 Respectfully submitted,

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24 Roman M. Maes, III, Chairman

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9 The roll call vote was 10 For 0 Against

10 Yes: 10

11 No: 0

12 Excused: None

13 Absent: None

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