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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 55
44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1999

INTRODUCED BY
Stevan Pearce

A JOINT MEMORIAL
REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO DIRECT AN
INTERIM LEGISLATIVE WATER COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE POTENTIAL TO
CLEAN PRODUCED WATER IN NEW MEXICO'S ENERGY DEVELOPMENT FIELDS
FOR RECYCLING AS A BENEFICIAL USE.

WHEREAS, the energy development industry generates about
three thousand acre feet of "produced water" annually from the
Dagger Draw-Indian basin; and

WHEREAS, the level of hydrocarbon contamination found in
produced water does not present expensive technological
challenges for its cleanup; and

WHEREAS, energy developers currently reinject produced
water into the salt zone, rendering it effectively unusable;
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WHEREAS, the quality of some produced water prior to

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1 reinjection has less salt than the Pecos river; and

2 WHEREAS, experiments in processing produced water for
3 reuse near Iraan, Texas in the Yates-Marathon field has
4 resulted in water clean enough for use in boiler operations;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, demands for New Mexico water and the increasing
7 scarcity of suitable water for beneficial uses compels us to
8 avoid waste and optimize the efficiency of our exploitation of
9 water;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
11 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico legislative council be
12 requested to direct an interim legislative water committee to
13 study the potential for treating produced water to be put to
14 beneficial use and report its findings and recommendations for
15 legislation to the legislature by December 1, 1999; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
17 transmitted to the members of the New Mexico legislative
18 council.

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5 February 23, 1999
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7 Mr. Speaker:
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9 Your AGRICULTURE AND WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE,
10 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, and thence referred to the
16 ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE.

17 Respectfully submitted,
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22 Joe M Stell, Chairman
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6 (Chief Clerk)

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8 Date _____

10 The roll call vote was 8 For 0 Against

11 Yes: 8

12 Excused: Varela

13 Absent: None

15 J: \99BillSWP\HJ055

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10 whom has been referred

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The roll call vote was 7 For 0 Against

Yes: 7

Excused: Picraux, Roberts, Vickers

Absent: None

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Mr. President:

Your CONSERVATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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

Respectfully submitted,

Fernando R. Macias, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 6 For 0 Against

Yes: 6

No: None

Excused: Eisenstadt, Griego, Lyons, Sanchez

Absent: None

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