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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 42

44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1999

INTRODUCED BY

John Pinto

A JOINT MEMORIAL

IN SUPPORT OF THE NAVAJO AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY AND
ITS REQUEST FOR ADEQUATE AND SUSTAINED FEDERAL APPROPRIATIONS
TO COMPLETE THE NAVAJO INDIAN IRRIGATION PROJECT AND FOR THE
OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE OF THE NAVAJO INDIAN IRRIGATION
PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the Navajo agricultural products industry, a
farming and agribusiness enterprise of the Navajo nation, was
formed in 1970 to develop the Navajo nation's agricultural
economy on the lands of the Navajo Indian irrigation project;
and

WHEREAS, the Navajo agricultural products industry's
customers include major food processing companies throughout
the United States and internationally, and their "Navajo
Pride" brand has gained wide consumer acceptance as an

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1 excellent high-quality product; and

2 WHEREAS, the Navajo agricultural products industry is a
3 diverse, profitable business enterprise that directly
4 contributes over fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) annually
5 to the regional economy and employs three hundred full-time
6 employees and one thousand seasonal employees during peak
7 operations; and

8 WHEREAS, the Navajo agricultural products industry's
9 future projects include continued crop diversification, food
10 processing plants, modern crop storage and processing
11 facilities to fulfill customer packaging preferences and peak
12 market demands; and

13 WHEREAS, the Navajo agricultural products industry uses
14 water provided by the Navajo Indian irrigation project to
15 cultivate sixty thousand acres and that since the project
16 completion schedule has been delayed by more than twenty
17 years, the industry can not cultivate the remaining fifty
18 thousand acres; and

19 WHEREAS, further completion delays of the irrigation
20 project will have negative impacts through lost economic
21 benefits to the Navajo agricultural products industry and the
22 Navajo nation's plans for a self-sustaining agricultural-based
23 economy in northwestern New Mexico; and

24 WHEREAS, the Navajo agricultural products industry board
25 of directors has requested assistance and support from the

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1 United States congress and the president of the United States
2 in securing adequate and sustained funding for the Navajo
3 Indian irrigation project for timely completion of the project
4 and to increase the appropriation for the bureau of Indian
5 affairs irrigation canal operation and maintenance, which the
6 Navajo agricultural products industry contracts from the
7 bureau of Indian affairs;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
9 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it hereby applaud and support the
10 accomplishments and economic contributions of the Navajo
11 agricultural products industry and the Navajo nation's efforts
12 to provide a self-sustaining agricultural-based economy in
13 northwestern New Mexico; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico legislature
15 recommend to the United States congress and the president of
16 the United States that an appropriation be made in the amount
17 of thirty-eight million five hundred thousand dollars
18 (\$38,500,000) in fiscal year 2000 to continue design and
19 construction of the Navajo Indian irrigation project and that
20 subsequent sustained appropriations be made to ensure timely
21 completion of the project; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico legislature
23 request the United States congress and the president of the
24 United States to ensure that an appropriation of eight million
25 three hundred fifty-six thousand dollars (\$8,356,000) be made

1 in fiscal year 2000 for the bureau of Indian affairs
2 irrigation operation and maintenance which is contracted from
3 the bureau of Indian affairs; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
5 transmitted to the United States congress through the New
6 Mexico congressional delegation, the president of the United
7 States, the Navajo agricultural products industry board of
8 directors, the Navajo nation president and the Navajo nation
9 council.

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8 Mr. President:

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10 Your INDIAN & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, to whom
11 has been referred

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15 has had it under consideration and reports same with
16 recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the
17 FINANCE COMMITTEE.

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19 Respectfully submitted,

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The roll call vote was 4 For 0 Against

Yes: 4

No: 0

Excused: McSorley, Vernon, Wilson

Absent: None

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8 Mr. Speaker:

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10 Your ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE, to
11 whom has been referred

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

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22 James Roger Madalena, Chairman
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The roll call vote was 6 For 0 Against

Yes: 6

Excused: Garcia, Kissner, Roberts, Stewart

Absent: None

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