

HOUSE FLOOR SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE MEMORIAL 46

50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2011

A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO ADDRESS THE INCREASING
THREAT TO LIVELIHOODS IN NEW MEXICO AND NEIGHBORING STATES FROM
WILDLANDS REGULATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE FEDERAL ENDANGERED
SPECIES ACT OF 1973.

WHEREAS, many new regulations are increasingly restricting
how property owners may use their land; and

WHEREAS, many laws and regulations have placed a heavy
burden on ranching, farming, timber production and other uses
that property owners should have a right to conduct on their
own land; and

WHEREAS, federal regulations are too often developed
without adequate participation and input from rural families;
and

WHEREAS, the severe adverse economic impacts of federal

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1 laws and regulations, notably the Endangered Species Act of
2 1973 and wildlands regulations, are affecting not only ranchers
3 and farmers, but small businesses in rural communities that
4 support ranching and farming and tax collections for local
5 governments and the state;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
7 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the federal
8 government be requested to take steps to ensure that property
9 owners in New Mexico and neighboring states are protected from
10 ill-considered laws and regulations that restrict land use and
11 hamper people's ability to make a living and unnecessarily and
12 adversely affect the economies of rural communities and local
13 and state governments; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the federal government develop
15 a plan to compensate the full amount of loss to any property
16 owner, business, local government and state that has a
17 historical record of loss due to land use restrictions; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
19 transmitted to the New Mexico, Colorado, Arizona, Texas and
20 Oklahoma congressional delegations and the federal secretaries
21 of the interior and commerce.