

April 13, 2007

HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 1

The Honorable Ben Lujan and  
Members of the House of Representatives  
State Capitol Building  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Honorable Speaker Lujan and Members of the House:

I this day SIGN and return House Bill 1, as amended, with emergency clause, which was enacted during the Forty-Eighth Legislature, First Special Session, 2007, except the following item or items, part or parts, which I hereby veto pursuant to the authority granted me in Article IV, Section 22 of the New Mexico Constitution:

On page 2, I have vetoed all of lines 5 through 11.

The Legislature improperly attempted to make an appropriation unrelated to the necessary expenses of the special session or any other object specified in my March 17, 2007 Proclamation calling the Legislature into special session. This practice is prohibited by Article IV, Section 6 of the New Mexico Constitution, which provides that “no business shall be transacted [at a special session called by the Governor] except such as relates to the objects specified in this proclamation.” The vetoed appropriation also violated Article IV, Section 16 of the New Mexico Constitution, which requires a bill’s subject to be clearly expressed in its title. The relevant part of this bill’s title reads “Making Appropriations from Legislative Cash Balances for Necessary Expenses of the First Special Session of the Forty-Eighth Legislature”. The vetoed appropriation, however, was not for a necessary expense of the special session.

On page 2, I have vetoed all of lines 17 through 24.

I veto this provision because it would have conflicted with Article IV, Section 10 of the New Mexico Constitution.

Respectfully yours,



Bill Richardson  
Governor

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Chief Clerk of the House

Time: \_\_\_\_\_ a.m./p.m.

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Secretary of State