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Statement of Governor Bill Richardson on House Passage of “GRIP” Governor Richardson’s Investment Partnership

Santa Fe: “This is a major victory that means better roads, more jobs and improved safety for all of New Mexico. I want to again commend the House of Representatives and the constant leadership of Speaker Ben Lujan,” Governor Richardson said.

“Earlier today, I called for the Senate to come back to work. If they had not walked away from their responsibilities, we could have finished today. At \$68,000.00 per day, they should have stayed at work,” Governor Richardson said.

“I could have signed the sexual predator bill and they could have acted on the transportation package,” Governor Richardson said.

“The House action means over 50,000 new jobs for New Mexico in the next 7 years. Hundreds of New Mexico small businesses will employ thousands of New Mexicans. Our communities will have a better opportunity to attract new firms and improve their local economies,” Governor Richardson said.

“By acting now, we will take advantage of current interest rates which are at historic lows. A one point rise in interest rates costs us 131 million dollars in lost bonding capacity,” Governor Richardson said.