

**S 357 EXPAND LOCAL HOSPITAL GROSS RECEIPTS**

March 4, 1996

**SENATE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 51**

I have this day **VETOED** and am returning **SENATE BILL 357**, passed by the Forty-Second Legislature, Second Session, 1996.

This legislation conflicts with Senate Bill 257 which I have signed into law. In order to avoid the conflict I am vetoing this bill. Furthermore, I am concerned by the piecemeal approach to the financing of County Hospitals. Therefore, I am requesting the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department to study this situation and work with the Revenue Stabilization and Tax Policy Interim Committee.

**S 407 AMEND OPTOMETRY ACT**

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March 4, 1996

**SENATE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 38**

I have this day **VETOED** and am returning **SENATE BILL 407**, passed by the Forty-Second Legislature, Second Session, 1996.

This legislation is identical to House Bill 374. House Bill 374 will be signed into law; therefore, Senate Bill 407 is not necessary.

**S 438 JEMEZ PUEBLO MULTIPURPOSE CENTER**

March 5, 1996

**SENATE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 55**

I have this day **VETOED** and am returning **SENATE BILL 438, as amended, with emergency clause**, passed by the Forty-Second Legislature, Second Session, 1996.

This bill would appropriate one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to the New Mexico Office of Indian Affairs for expenditure in fiscal years 1996 and 1997 to construct a multipurpose center at the Jemez Pueblo. It appears that this appropriation replaces a 1995 delayed appropriation of \$100,000 to complete the construction of the center. While this appropriation (along with the 1995 capital improvement projects may well benefit local communities), all such appropriations will be dealt with in an equitable fashion when the transfer provision is corrected in a proper and timely manner.

### **S 519 PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS MORATORIUM**

March 4, 1996

#### **SENATE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 48**

I have this day **VETOED** and am returning **SENATE BILL 519, without emergency clause**, passed by the Forty-Second Legislature, Second Session, 1996.

This legislation would impose a public assistance moratorium on the New Mexico Human Services Department preventing the department from changing the eligibility requirements or from decreasing the amount of assistance and services to recipients until October 1, 1997. This bill would take away a necessary resource of flexibility, which allows the Human Services Department to provide benefits to its clients in these uncertain financial times.

### **S 686 OPERATING RESERVE TRANSFER**

March 4, 1996

#### **SENATE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 34**

I have this day **VETOED** and am returning **SENATE BILL 686, as amended, with emergency clause**, passed by the Forty-Second Legislature, Second Session, 1996.

This bill attempts to address the fiscal year 1995 negative balance in the general fund appropriation account. The measure has been vetoed because it unnecessarily delays the distribution of capital outlay appropriations authorized by the 1995 legislature until April 1, 1997. In my view, this legislation is also deficient in its inappropriate use of the subsequent injury fund to subsidize the general fund. Since many of the appropriations contained in this act are of immediate concern to the communities and schools for which they were intended, I believe the matter is worthy of further consideration by the legislature in its forthcoming special legislative session.