

## **1995 VETO MESSAGES OF HOUSE BILLS**

### **H 426 WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE COMMISSION**

April 5, 1995

#### **HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 96**

I have this day VETOED and am returning HOUSE BILL 426, as amended, with emergency clause and certificate of correction, enacted by the Forty-Second Legislature, State of New Mexico, First Session, 1995.

This bill would create a new New Mexico Commemorative Women's Suffrage Diamond Jubilee Commission. While commemorating women's suffrage has merit, the legislation is vetoed because a statutory mandate to do so is not necessary, and the Commission on the Status of Women is fully capable of handling such an event.

### **H 428 PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED BOARD MEMBERS**

April 5, 1995

#### **HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 45**

I have this day VETOED and am returning HOUSE BILL 428, as amended, with emergency clause, enacted by the Forty-Second Legislature, State of New Mexico, First Session, 1995.

This legislation requires that one member of the Construction Industries Commission and one member of the Board of Examiners for Architects be physically challenged. Although this legislation is undoubtedly well-intentioned, it is vetoed because board membership should not be dictated by special interest even if that interest is most noble.

The logical conclusion of this type of legislation would be to include a multitude of deserving special interest members on all boards or overtly discriminate against those groups not represented. I believe a more rational approach would be to appoint members who will consider a broad spectrum of interests in their decisions.