

This legislation would have increased the distribution from the Instructional Material Fund for additional students. This legislation has been vetoed because it establishes an increased level of ongoing spending for instructional materials. In view of the recurring appropriation increases otherwise mandated by this legislature for public education, it appears that this mandate can well be avoided for the time being. I am concerned that some of the spending patterns for public education, being established now, will not be sustainable in future years.

H 429 LEGISLATIVE EXPENSES

March 11, 1998

HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 138

I have this day VETOED and am returning HOUSE BILL 429, as amended, passed by the Forty-Third Legislature, Second Session, 1998.

This legislation appropriates approximately \$956,300 from the General Fund and \$352,300 from unspent balances in legislative accounts for interim and pre-session expenses of the legislature. This legislation is vetoed because it constitutes an unnecessary use of the General Fund. Legislative fund balances are sufficient to comfortably accommodate all of the spending contemplated in this bill.

H 487 LOTTERY TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS

March 11, 1998

HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 139

I have this day VETOED and am returning HOUSE BILL 487, passed by the Forty-Third Legislature, Second Session, 1998.

This legislation proposes to amend the 1996 New Mexico Lottery Tuition Scholarship Law which currently provides vital tuition assistance to full-time New Mexico residents students. While meritorious in intent, the bill is too broad in its scope.

The bill would provide lottery tuition scholarships to graduates of out-of-state high schools whose military-employed parents may no longer be residents of New Mexico. Some evidence of current residency in New Mexico by the parent employed in the armed forces is appropriate and necessary to qualify the out-of-state student for our state's lottery tuition scholarship.