

H 302 PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS FOR SENIORS

April 6, 2001

HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 113

I have this day VETOED and am returning HOUSE BILL 302, as amended, enacted by the Forty-Fifth Legislature, First Session, 2001.

This bill would expand the mission of the Retiree Health Care Authority beyond benefits for eligible retiree groups and allow certain citizens to participate in prescription drug program. Senior prescription drug and other health care issues are more appropriately resolved at the federal level rather than in a piecemeal fashion at the state level. Also, it is not affordable in the overall budget scheme.

H 318 PREVENT YOUTH ACCESS TO TOBACCO PRODUCTS

April 5, 2001

HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 66

I have this day VETOED and am returning HOUSE BILL 318, as amended, enacted by the Forty-Fifth Legislature, First Session, 2001.

This bill prohibits the use of cigarette vending machines and other tobacco self-service methods in businesses accessible to minors. Although I fully support efforts to reduce tobacco use among New Mexico's children, this bill does not provide an effective strategy to accomplish this worthy goal. It would instead place a tremendous burden on this state's small business community, especially those tobacco vendors who are ill equipped to restrict access to their establishments.

H 343 INCREASE STATE MINIMUM WAGE

April 5, 2001

HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 67

I have this day VETOED and am returning HOUSE BILL 343 enacted by the Forty-Fifth Legislature, First Session, 2001.