

**VETO MESSAGES OF SENATE BILLS
FORTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION**

S 70 AMEND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ACT

April 5, 2001

SENATE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 73

I have this day VETOED and am returning SENATE BILL 70, enacted by the Forty-Fifth Legislature, First Session, 2001.

The New Mexico Public Employee Retirement Association (PERA) has for many years prohibited the disclosure of information about members unless the member consents to the disclosure. This protects the 54,975 active members of PERA.

The proposed legislation would remove this protection. This legislation would allow the names and addresses of both members and retired members to be released to certain non-profit organizations. While innocuous on its face, this legislation breaches the wall of privacy our 72,537 active and retired PERA members have come to expect. No compelling public policy rationale is offered that justifies this breach of association member privacy.

S 75 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE BARGAINING ACT

April 5, 2001

SENATE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 58

I have this day VETOED and am returning SENATE BILL 75, enacted by the Forty-Fifth Legislature, First Session, 2001.

This bill enacts the Public Employee Bargaining Act to provide public employees with the ability to employ collective bargaining. I have vetoed similar legislation in the past, and do so again, because collective bargaining would serve only to grind state government to a halt while failing to provide much if any additional protection for state workers. State employees are