

S 265 SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES

April 5, 2001

SENATE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 51

I have this day VETOED and am returning SENATE BILL 265, as amended, enacted by the Forty-Fifth Legislature, First Session, 2001.

This legislation requires that the state Motor Vehicle Division issue state license plates featuring the artwork of certain fraternal organizations. As I have stated previously, I am generally opposed to the creation of special license plates for New Mexico's motor vehicles, except when they provide information to other motorists and law enforcement that the driver may require special consideration in emergency situations, such as firefighters.

S 285 SPORT SHOOTING RANGE ACT

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SENATE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 50

I have this day VETOED and am returning SENATE BILL 285, enacted by the Forty-Fifth Legislature, First Session, 2001.

This bill provides legal protection to sport shooting ranges when persons purchase nearby property knowing that the range exists. I view this bill as an anti-property rights legislation. I have always sought to protect individual property rights. I cannot, however, provide virtually limitless protection to certain property owners at the expense of other property owners. I am concerned that the effect of this bill would be to provide permanent status to gun ranges, forcing cities to create draconian regulations to prevent the creation of any new ranges, lest allow such property use to go permanently unchallenged. I would much prefer a law that provides protection to shooting ranges and takes into account the property rights of all of New Mexicans.