

**\*\*NTA Alert\*\***

NMTA Call to action: YOU ARE BEING BEAT!!!!

Trappers,

All the bills including the anti-trapping bill and prohibit coyote contest bill are now scheduled for Thursday, Feb 16, at the Roundhouse in Santa Fe; Room 311, 8:30 am. I can't tell you how important it is to call and email the committee members and voice your opposition to the bills. Your heritage is under attack, and it is yours to lose. My reliable sources are telling me the anti's are out calling, and out emailing you! By an obvious stretch. This is unacceptable! If you have not called I have to ask why not? Some main talking points involve what the loss of trapping means to you, including your income, including protecting your livestock. Only you can put your personal experiences into words. Another topic is the inaccuracies that are being communicated pertaining to public safety. It is also important that you read the bills. The bills are very easy to find on [www.nmlegis.gov](http://www.nmlegis.gov) [1] website. Once you're there click the "Legislation" tab, then search for the bill under the bill finder. These are Senate bills. Read them and be informed.

#### SENATE BILL SUMMARY

SB266 this is a way to give the State Game Commission power over all wildlife; including coyotes. If this bill turns into law, it will provide future opportunity to restrict your rights pertaining to hunting, fishing, AND Trapping.

SB267 is another opportunity for the same. It will make a coyote and many other animals protected that will again provide opportunities to impose limits on animals that don't need protection.

SB268 is obviously going after the perception that these contests are cruel, inhumane, and damaging to the predator vs prey balance. These statements are made without fact. They rely on the ignorance of people that don't know otherwise and choose not to be informed.

SB286 What else needs to be said. It will outlaw all forms of trapping of any kind. You won't even be able to put out a glue trap to catch a mouse if they get their way.

For those going to Sante Fe I would advise you to be there early (7:30am at the latest) and get a seat. Don't let the anti's take away your opportunity to express your opposition.

Below are the members of the conservation committee. For those that live in the districts of these senators please express that you vote these issues. Although communication to all the committee is important, I highlighted the members that you should focus on. I am personally tasking all of you that read this email to call and email every committee member, AND pass this on to at least two people. We don't have much time.

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