Dates

- December 15, 2009 - January 15 Legislation may be prefilled
- January 19 Opening day (noon)
- February 3 Deadline for introduction
- February 5 Indian Day at the Legislature
- February 18 Session ends (noon)
- March 10 Legislation not acted upon by governor is pocket vetoed
- May 19 Effective date of legislation not a general appropriation bill or a bill
- carrying an emergency clause or other specified date
Main Issue

• Budget, Budget, Budget
  ▫ At a recent meeting, Sen. Keller outlined the issues with the NM budget
    • Projected $450 million short for FY11. This is based on a 7% growth forecast, which he feels is optimistic.
    • The deficit could double or increase to almost $1 Billion because of slower growth.
    • Some news reports have indicated that the state may still have a deficit for FY10 as well.
So what does that mean for legislation?

- Not a lot of new spending, if any
- Potential budget and program cuts
- Most of the focus will be on budget balancing bills including “revenue enhancing” bills
- Bills introduced will likely have no fiscal impact or the impact will be removed.
- Likely no capital outlay funding
- Memorials
Upcoming Legislation

- Extending CADAC to LADAC Grandfathering clause (HSD)
- Dental Assistants (DOH)
- Expansion of Health Tax Credits (DOH)
- State ban on use of handheld devices while driving