



John Arthur Smith

New Mexico State Senator

Senator Smith, D-District 35, has been in the Senate since 1989. He was a candidate for the United States House of Representatives in 2002. Senator Smith represents Hidalgo, Luna, and Sierra County, and a portion of Doña Ana County.

Senator Smith serves on several committees including the Legislative Finance Committee (LFC), for which he is Vice Chair. Members of the LFC are responsible for making budgetary recommendations to the Legislature for funding state government, higher education and public schools. New Mexico's budget currently amounts to about \$6 billion in General Fund appropriations and about \$14.7 billion in total funds. Senator Smith's commitment to maintaining the State's solvency guides his decisions, during and outside of the legislative session.

In September of 2012, Senator Smith was presented with the 2012 Hero Award by the New Mexico Business Coalition (NMBC) for his consistent efforts to make New Mexico business-friendly. He "gets the job done," noted NMBC President, Carla Sonntag. Senator Smith was commended for his work in maintaining low taxes, supporting unemployment insurance reforms, and improving education – all while maintaining the State's budget.



Senator Smith thinks toward the future for New Mexico's economic growth. He, along with Senator Mary Kay Papen, D-Las Cruces, Representative Nate Gentry, R-Albuquerque, and Representative Jim White, Republican Whip from Albuquerque, signed a letter calling for continued support for Spaceport America during the 2013 Legislative Session. The signing legislators cited that over the previous five years, New Mexico had invested over \$200 million in tax dollars in

order to construct the Spaceport. As evidence of their continuing commitment to New Mexico taxpayers, the New Mexico Legislature appropriated \$3,000,000 in Severance Tax Bonds to the Spaceport Authority to plan, design, and construct the southern access road to Spaceport America.

Senator Smith, a real estate appraiser, received his bachelor of science (BS) from the University of New Mexico in 1966. He resides in Deming, New Mexico with his wife, Jeanette, a retired educator.

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- 6:00 pm Registration and Reception
- 6:30 pm Welcome
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- Dinner
- 7:15 pm Introduction of Lawrence Rael,
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Dr. Amy Wohlert, Interim Director
- 7:20 pm Introduction of John Arthur Smith
Lawrence Rael,
SPA Advisory Board Member
- Keynote Speech
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