

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1001

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Urging Congress to pass a well-funded, multi-year federal highway program in a timely manner.

WHEREAS, a well-funded federal highway program is important to the economy and quality of life in South Dakota and the nation, creating and maintaining jobs, facilitating commerce, transporting agricultural products, and enabling South Dakotans and the nation to travel safely to school, work, hospitals, stores, places of recreation, and other destinations that are important to all of us; and

WHEREAS, Congress has not yet enacted legislation providing for a multi-year reauthorization of the federal highway program, hampering the ability of the state to plan and deliver needed highway improvements to the citizens of South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, South Dakota has a vast and extensive highway system that serves national as well as state transportation needs;

WHEREAS, South Dakota has very few citizens to finance the highway system's maintenance and improvement;

WHEREAS, South Dakota citizens have one of the highest per capita levels of effort in funding transportation in the nation;

WHEREAS, it is essential that South Dakota's transportation needs be addressed in the reauthorization of the federal highway program to keep the state and the nation connected:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Eighty-fourth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the South Dakota Legislature strongly supports prompt enactment of a well-funded, multi-year federal surface transportation program that includes a highway funding formula share that is at least as favorable to South Dakota as the current formula in SAFETEA-LU; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and to each member of South Dakota's congressional delegation.

Adopted by the House of Representatives,
Concurred in by the Senate,

January 14, 2009
January 16, 2009

Tim Rave
Speaker of the House

Karen Gerdes
Chief Clerk of the House

Dennis Daugaard
President of the Senate

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