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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 58

42ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1996

INTRODUCED BY

JOHN PINTO

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO REAUTHORIZE THE INTERMODAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION EFFICIENCY ACT OF 1991 AND INCREASE THE FUNDING LEVEL FOR THE INDIAN ROADS CONSTRUCTION FUND TO THREE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS (\$300,000,000) PER YEAR IN THE REUTHORIZATION OF THAT ACT IN FISCAL YEAR 1997 AND REQUESTING A FUNDING ALLOCATION OF THIRTY-THREE PERCENT OR MORE OF THE TOTAL INDIAN ROADS CONSTRUCTION FUNDS FOR THE NAVAJO NATION.

WHEREAS, through various treaties and acts of congress, the federal government has promised Indian tribes certain goods and services, one of which is transportation services, to serve the social and economic needs of Indian tribes; and

WHEREAS, Indian tribes are totally dependent on the federal transportation programs for their transportation needs due to

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1 the Indian tribes not being eligible under federal law to  
2 administer federal highway trust funds directly or eligible to  
3 receive a portion of fuel revenue collected on Indian  
4 reservations for transportation purposes; and

5 WHEREAS, there is a critical need to improve transportation  
6 services on the Indian reservations throughout the United States  
7 to promote economic development, improve health care, enhance  
8 education and increase employment; and

9 WHEREAS, the Indian tribes and pueblos recognize and  
10 appreciate the support the transportation programs have  
11 contributed to the success of many social and economic  
12 development efforts on all Indian reservations; and

13 WHEREAS, pursuant to the Surface Transportation Assistance  
14 Act of 1982, the United States secretary of transportation is to  
15 allocate funds authorized to be appropriated for Indian  
16 reservation roads in accordance with the relative needs of the  
17 various Indian reservations;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
19 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the United States congress be requested  
20 to reauthorize the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency  
21 Act of 1991 and to increase the funding level of the Indian  
22 roads construction fund to three hundred million dollars  
23 (\$300,000,000) per year in the reauthorization of that act in  
24 fiscal year 1997; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that because of the importance of

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1 increasing the level of funding for Indian roads construction,  
2 the legislature request the bureau of Indian affairs to continue  
3 the relative needs distribution formula and to provide a funding  
4 allocation of thirty-three percent or more of the total Indian  
5 roads construction fund for the Navajo area for construction of  
6 roads on the Navajo nation; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
8 transmitted to the president of the United States, the New  
9 Mexico congressional delegation, the United States secretary of  
10 the interior, the Navajo nation council and the president of the  
11 Navajo nation.

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8 Mr. President:

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10 Your INDIAN & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, to whom  
11 has been referred

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15 has had it under consideration and reports same with  
16 recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the  
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20 Respectfully submitted,

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25 John Pinto, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 5 For 0 Against

Yes: 5

No: 0

Excused: Maes, McKibben & Kysar

Absent: None

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Absent: None

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Mr. Speaker:

Your TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation that it DO PASS.

Respectfully submitted,

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Daniel P. Silva, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 7 For 1 Against

Yes: 7

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Excused: Christensen, Larranaga, Parsons, Wallach

Absent: None

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