

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 73

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1998

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

URGING THE MEMBERS OF THE NEW MEXICO CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO SUPPORT THE PASSAGE OF FEDERAL LEGISLATION TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF THE FOUR AND THREE-TENTHS CENT (\$.043) FEDERAL GASOLINE TAX REVENUES IN THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY TRUST FUND FOR HIGHWAY INFRASTRUCTURE.

WHEREAS, in 1990 the United States congress began diverting highway taxes for general revenue purposes, including the four and three-tenths cent (\$.043) per gallon federal gasoline tax enacted in 1993; and

WHEREAS, in the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997, the United States congress provided for deposit of all federal highway taxes into the federal highway trust fund; and

WHEREAS, currently the United States congress has not authorized the use of the four and three-tenths cent (\$.043)

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1 federal gasoline tax revenues in the federal highway trust
2 fund for use by the states for highway and transportation
3 infrastructure; and

4 WHEREAS, a bipartisan amendment proposed by Senators
5 Robert Byrd, Phil Gramm, John Warner and Max Baucus to the
6 Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act renewal
7 legislation in the United States senate would increase highway
8 authorizations by thirty billion dollars (\$30,000,000,000)
9 over the next five years; and

10 WHEREAS, this money could be available for obligation by
11 the states beginning in fiscal year 1999, and New Mexico's
12 increased obligation authority is estimated to be at least two
13 hundred million dollars (\$200,000,000) for fiscal years 1999
14 through 2003; and

15 WHEREAS, funding from that amount of additional federal
16 obligation authority would enable New Mexico to finance the
17 construction and improvement of a number of critical highway
18 projects throughout the state;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
20 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it urge the members of the New Mexico
21 congressional delegation to support the passage of federal
22 legislation to make available to states for highway and
23 transportation infrastructure the revenue from the four and
24 three-tenths cent (\$.043) federal gasoline tax; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be

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1 transmitted to each member of the New Mexico congressional
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8 Mr. Speaker:

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10 Your TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been
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15 has had it under consideration and reports same with
16 recommendation that it DO PASS.

17 Respectfully submitted,

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22 Daniel P. Silva, Chairman
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10 The roll call vote was 10 For 0 Against

11 Yes: 10

12 Excused: Parsons

13 Absent: Russell

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Mr. President:

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Roman M. Maes, III, Chairman

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Excused: Fidel, Kidd, McKibben, Robinson

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Absent: None

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