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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 27

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A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING THE
PRESIDENT AND THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO TAKE
 WHATEVER ACTION IS NECESSARY TO RELEASE IMPOUNDED HIGHWAY
 FUNDS.

WHEREAS, an ever-increasing jobless rate in the state
 of Montana demands that immediate steps be taken to create
 new jobs and maintain present jobs; and

WHEREAS, various proposals have been made for providing
 jobs including public service jobs to reduce the jobless
 rate; and

WHEREAS, whatever solution is finally found, an
 administrative structure would be needed to implement that
 solution, and

WHEREAS, funds made available to the United States

through taxation for the purpose of developing highway
 transportation systems are now being impounded and held back
 against the best interests of the people who paid the taxes
 to provide them; and

WHEREAS, the expenditure of highway trust fund money in
 this time of recessionary economics would provide jobs and
 create needed capital to promote the retention of many more
 jobs without necessitating the creation of additional
 administrative structures in government; and

WHEREAS, the impoundment of highway construction funds
 has prevented the construction of vital highway projects and
 allowed known safety hazards to go on uncorrected to the
 detriment of the safety and general welfare of the people of
 Montana; and

WHEREAS, the impoundment of highway construction funds
 has led to uncertainty and inefficiency in the
 administration of the Department of Highways by preventing
 the establishment of reasonable, orderly, and sustained
 highway programs; and

WHEREAS, the taxpayers of Montana and the nation have
 sustained great losses in purchasing power with their money
 impounded during a period when construction-related costs
 have inflated by forty-two percent (42%); and

WHEREAS, it is clear that the best use of the impounded
 funds would be to put Montana workers on the job building

1 vitally needed public highways and improving the general
2 economic climate with all the auxiliary job benefits their
3 paychecks provide.

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5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE
6 OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

7 That the PRESIDENT AND THE Congress of the United
8 States is requested to take whatever action is necessary to
9 release impounded highway construction funds in a manner
10 that is designed to promote a reasonable, orderly, and
11 sustained highway program.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State
13 send copies of this resolution to the PRESIDENT OF THE
14 UNITED STATES AND THE members of the Montana Congressional
15 Delegation.

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