

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 30

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 2 INTRODUCED BY Mr. Howard HARRIS, Chairman, O'Connell
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6 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
 7 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING CONGRESS TO
 8 APPROVE A REVISED INTERSTATE HIGHWAY COST ESTIMATE AND TO
 9 MAINTAIN THE CURRENT FUNDING FORMULA FOR RESURFACING,
 10 RESTORING, REHABILITATING, AND RECONSTRUCTING ROUTES OF THE
 11 FEDERAL INTERSTATE SYSTEM.

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 13 WHEREAS, the United States Congress failed to act on
 14 the 1984 Interstate Cost Estimate, as required under 23
 15 U.S.C. 104, thereby delaying some new interstate
 16 construction in 43 states, including Montana; and

17 WHEREAS, \$7,500,000,000 of interstate construction
 18 money is being held within the Federal Highway Trust Fund,
 19 rather than being invested in the national interstate
 20 system; and

21 WHEREAS, \$26,400,000 to be used on completion of the
 22 interstate gaps in Montana has been withheld due to the lack
 23 of Congressional passage of the 1984 Interstate Cost
 24 Estimate; and

25 WHEREAS, continued delay in the apportionment of funds

1 for interstate construction in Montana will adversely affect
 2 the economy of this state; and

3 WHEREAS, the failure to receive these interstate funds
 4 in Montana will result in the loss of construction and
 5 service jobs within this state; and

6 WHEREAS, early construction of the remaining interstate
 7 segments in Montana will result in improved highway safety
 8 benefits to reduce traffic accidents, injuries, and
 9 fatalities among Montana motorists; and

10 WHEREAS, the present formula for the apportionment of
 11 funds for resurfacing, restoring, rehabilitating, and
 12 reconstructing routes of the interstate system, as provided
 13 for under 23 U.S.C. 119, represents a fair and equitable
 14 allocation of federal interstate funds.

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

18 That the Montana Legislature respectfully urges the
 19 United States Congress to act immediately to approve a
 20 2-year unencumbered Interstate Cost Estimate.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the United States Congress
 22 be requested to maintain the current funding formula for
 23 resurfacing, restoring, rehabilitating, and reconstructing
 24 the federal interstate system.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State



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