

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 17

INTRODUCED BY WEEDING
BY REQUEST OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE
ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

IN THE SENATE

FEBRUARY 12, 1993	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION.
	FIRST READING.
FEBRUARY 16, 1993	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL DO PASS. REPORT ADOPTED.
FEBRUARY 17, 1993	PRINTING REPORT.
FEBRUARY 18, 1993	SECOND READING, DO PASS AS AMENDED.
FEBRUARY 19, 1993	ENGROSSING REPORT.
	THIRD READING, PASSED. AYES, 50; NOES, 0.
	TRANSMITTED TO HOUSE.

IN THE HOUSE

FEBRUARY 23, 1993	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION.
	FIRST READING.
MARCH 8, 1993	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. REPORT ADOPTED.
MARCH 11, 1993	SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN.
MARCH 15, 1993	THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN. AYES, 84; NOES, 14.
MARCH 16, 1993	RETURNED TO SENATE WITH AMENDMENTS.

IN THE SENATE

MARCH 18, 1993	SECOND READING, AMENDMENTS NOT CONCURRED IN.
MARCH 22, 1993	ON MOTION, CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

REQUESTED AND APPOINTED.

IN THE HOUSE

APRIL 5, 1993

ON MOTION, CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
REQUESTED AND APPOINTED.

IN THE SENATE

APRIL 16, 1993

SECOND READING, CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
REPORT ADOPTED.

APRIL 17, 1993

THIRD READING, CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
REPORT ADOPTED.

IN THE HOUSE

APRIL 19, 1993

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ADOPTED.

IN THE SENATE

APRIL 21, 1993

SENT TO ENROLLING.

REPORTED CORRECTLY ENROLLED.

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WHEREAS, in 1991 the United States Congress enacted Public Law 102-240, the Intermodal Surface Transportation

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highways. The Department's consideration of the upgrade should include but should not be limited to a cost estimate, a construction schedule, and the means of finance. The Department is requested to prepare a written report encompassing the Legislature's requests and to make the report available to the Legislature on or before December 1, 1994."

Mr. Speaker: We, the committee on Highways and Transportation report that Senate Joint Resolution 17 (third reading copy -- blue) be concurred in as amended.

Signed: Robert C. Clark
Robert C. Clark, Chair

-END-

And, that such amendments read:

Carried by: Rep. Endy

1. Title, line 19.
Following: ";"

Insert: "REQUESTING AN EXAMINATION OF THE CONCEPT OF CONSTRUCTING
A HIGHWAY OF INTERSTATE QUALITY BETWEEN BILLINGS AND GREAT
FALLS;"

2. Page 3, line 1.
Following: "cities"
Insert: "; and

WHEREAS, the highway system between Billings and Great Falls has the potential to greatly enhance the economic vitality of both communities and the state in general; and

WHEREAS, without substantial upgrades to the existing highway system between Billings and Great Falls, the state risks forfeiting significant improvements to the Montana transportation system and the potential economic benefits attendant to a highly useable transportation system between two of the state's largest urban and economic centers that stand as gateways to other economic centers"

3. Page 4.
Following: line 8

Insert: "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislature urge the Department of Transportation to examine the concept of constructing or reconstructing the highways leading most directly between Billings and Great Falls, including consideration of the most efficient and effective means of upgrading the Billings-Great Falls highways to be substantially the same quality as the state's interstate

Committee Vote:
Yes 11, No 1.

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4 WHEREAS, THE HIGHWAY SYSTEM BETWEEN BILLINGS AND GREAT
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6 VITALITY OF BOTH COMMUNITIES AND THE STATE IN GENERAL; AND

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24 DIRECTLY BETWEEN BILLINGS AND GREAT FALLS, INCLUDING
25 CONSIDERATION OF THE MOST EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE MEANS OF

1 UPGRADING THE BILLINGS-GREAT FALLS HIGHWAYS TO BE
2 SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME QUALITY AS THE STATE'S INTERSTATE
3 HIGHWAYS. THE DEPARTMENT'S CONSIDERATION OF THE UPGRADE
4 SHOULD INCLUDE BUT SHOULD NOT BE LIMITED TO A COST ESTIMATE,
5 A CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE, AND THE MEANS OF FINANCE. THE
6 DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO PREPARE A WRITTEN REPORT
7 ENCOMPASSING THE LEGISLATURE'S REQUESTS AND TO MAKE THE
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Conference Committee
on Senate Joint Resolution No. 17
Report No. 1, April 14, 1993

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Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

We, your Conference Committee on Senate Joint Resolution No. 17,
met and considered:

The house amendments to Senate Joint Resolution No. 17

We recommend that Senate Joint Resolution No. 17 (reference copy
- salmon) be amended as follows:

1. Title, lines 20 and 21.

Strike: "REQUESTING" on line 20 through "QUALITY" on line 21

Insert: "URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO REVIEW THE
HIGHWAY LEADING MOST DIRECTLY"

2. Page 4, line 22 through page 5, line 8.

Following: "TO" on line 22

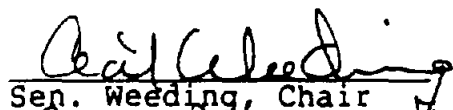
Strike: remainder of line 22 through "REPORT" on page 5, line 8

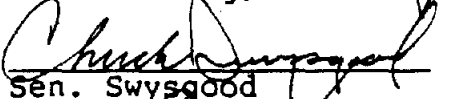
Insert: "review the highway leading most directly between
Billings and Great Falls. This corridor is important to the
economic well-being of the state of Montana and instrumental
in economic development of international trade. The
department shall prepare a written report encompassing the
condition of the highway and the improvements made and
planned to be made. The report must include cost estimates,
a tentative schedule, the types of improvements, and a means
of financing the construction or reconstruction. This
report must be made"

. And that this Conference Committee report be adopted.

. For the Senate:

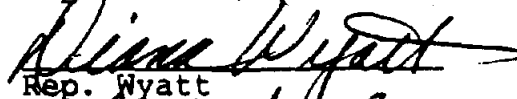
For the House:


Sen. Weeding, Chair



Sen. Swysgood


Sen. Christians


Rep. Keller, Chair


Rep. Wyatt


Rep. Vogel

 Amd. Coord.
Sec. of Senate

ADOPT

REJECT

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

That the Department of Transportation is hereby requested to review, prior to October 1, 1994:

(1) the federal restrictions, requirements, and guidelines resulting from the enactment of ISTEA and prepare recommendations to the 54th Legislature for revising Montana's statutes and administrative rules to comport with ISTEA;

(2) the manner in which the State of Montana currently participates in the proceeds from the lease or rental of highway information signs and prepare recommendations to and options for consideration by the 54th Legislature for maximizing the financial return to the State of Montana from the lease or rental of highway information signs; and

(3) the responsibilities of the state, counties, and cities for maintaining the various sections of public highways throughout the state and, after consultation and collaboration with representatives of counties, cities, and towns, report its findings and recommendations to the 54th Legislature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION INCLUDE AS AN ADDITIONAL SECTION OF THE REPORT A SECTION THAT SPECIFICALLY ADDRESSES COLLABORATION WITH AND THE IMPACT ON FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED INDIAN TRIBES AND THEIR LANDS.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Transportation is hereby further requested, in making recommendations to the 54th Legislature and where appropriate, to have legislation prepared to implement the Department's recommendations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT THE LEGISLATURE URGE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO EXAMINE--THE--CONCEPT--OF CONSTRUCTING--OR--RECONSTRUCTING--THE--HIGHWAYS--BEARING--MOST

1 DIRECTLY--BETWEEN--BILLINGS--AND--GREAT---FALLS,---INCLUDING
 2 CONSIDERATION--OF--THE--MOST--EFFICIENT--AND--EFFECTIVE--MEANS--OF
 3 UPGRADING--THE---BILLINGS--GREAT---FALLS---HIGHWAYS---TO---BE
 4 SUBSTANTIALLY--THE--SAME--QUALITY--AS--THE--STATE'S--INTERSTATE
 5 HIGHWAYS. THE--DEPARTMENT'S--CONSIDERATION--OF--THE--UPGRADE
 6 SHOULD--INCLUDE--BUT--SHOULD--NOT--BE--LIMITED--TO--A--COST--ESTIMATE,
 7 A--CONSTRUCTION--SCHEDULE,--AND--THE--MEANS--OF--FINANCE. THE
 8 DEPARTMENT--IS--REQUESTED--TO--PREPARE--A---WRITTEN---REPORT
 9 ENCOMPASSING--THE--LEGISLATURE'S--REQUESTS--AND--TO--MAKE--THE
 10 REPORT REVIEW THE HIGHWAY LEADING MOST DIRECTLY BETWEEN
 11 BILLINGS AND GREAT FALLS. THIS CORRIDOR IS IMPORTANT TO THE
 12 ECONOMIC WELL-BEING OF THE STATE OF MONTANA AND INSTRUMENTAL
 13 IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE. THE
 14 DEPARTMENT SHALL PREPARE A WRITTEN REPORT ENCOMPASSING THE
 15 CONDITION OF THE HIGHWAY AND THE IMPROVEMENTS MADE AND
 16 PLANNED TO BE MADE. THE REPORT MUST INCLUDE COST ESTIMATES,
 17 A TENTATIVE SCHEDULE, THE TYPES OF IMPROVEMENTS, AND A MEANS
 18 OF FINANCING THE CONSTRUCTION OR RECONSTRUCTION. THIS REPORT
 19 MUST BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE LEGISLATURE ON OR BEFORE
 20 DECEMBER 1, 1994.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of
 22 Transportation is further requested to recommend
 23 implementing legislation, which is to be initially prepared
 24 by the Department and formally requested before October 1,
 25 1994, for introduction in the 54th Legislative Session.

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