

ORIGINAL HOUSE
JOINT RESOLUTION
NO. 0002

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SIXTIETH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2009 GENERAL SESSION

A JOINT RESOLUTION requesting that Congress adequately fund Interstate 80.

WHEREAS, the federal government has assumed important responsibilities in helping fund the nation's interstate highway system; and

WHEREAS, the interstate highway system was created in the interests of the national defense; and

WHEREAS, Interstate 80 runs the length of southern Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, Interstate 80 serves as an essential link between the east and west coasts of the United States and is a vital freight corridor critical to the commerce of our nation; and

WHEREAS, approximately half of all traffic on Wyoming's section of Interstate 80 is heavy commercial truck traffic that causes much greater roadway damage than does a typical passenger car and which significantly increases maintenance costs; and

WHEREAS, the growth of heavy truck traffic on Interstate 80 is projected to outpace the growth of passenger car traffic almost two (2) to one (1) over the next thirty (30) years and average daily truck flows are projected to increase from six thousand eight hundred ninety-nine (6,899) in 2009 to twenty-two thousand three hundred (22,300) in 2049; and

WHEREAS, approximately eighty percent (80%) of the traffic on Wyoming's span of Interstate 80 originates and terminates outside of Wyoming and uses Wyoming's span of

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Interstate 80 for the benefit of interstate commerce, homeland security and the national economy; and

WHEREAS, current federal funding available to Wyoming for the operation and maintenance of Interstate 80 is insufficient not only for appropriate improvements, but also to maintain the Interstate in its current condition and configuration; and

WHEREAS, the federal government is not meeting its obligations to Wyoming or the good of the nation regarding its funding commitment for Interstate 80, is placing a financial strain on Wyoming and is jeopardizing the operational health of one of the nation's crucial freight corridors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING:

Section 1. That the federal government appropriate funds to Wyoming in such an amount so as to allow Wyoming to maintain Interstate 80 in its best physical and safest condition.

Section 2. That the federal government recognize future demands that will be placed on Interstate 80 and protect this nation's infrastructure by beginning to make appropriate allocations and adjustments necessary to meet future funding requirements.

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Section 3. That the Secretary of State of Wyoming transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress and to the Wyoming Congressional Delegation.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

Chief Clerk