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Relating to reauthorization of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS the 99th Congress adjourned without reauthorizing the Surface Transportation Assistance Act; and

WHEREAS the failure to reauthorize the Surface Transportation Assistance Act results in suspension of funding for federal-aid highway construction, rehabilitation, and safety projects throughout the nation; and

WHEREAS over \$150,000,000 in new highway planning, engineering, and construction projects are planned in Alaska for 1987 and these projects are necessary to improve the highway transportation system to foster future economic development and to prevent hardship to those employed in the transportation construction industry and related fields; and

WHEREAS the construction season in Alaska is limited to seven months a year and further delays in reauthorization of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act prevent construction of needed projects during 1987; and

WHEREAS Alaska, because of its size and unique environment, is dependent upon federal-aid highway funds for the development of a viable transportation system; and

WHEREAS the present formulas for allocation of federal-aid highway funds take into consideration the vast area of Alaska that must be served by highway transportation and equitably distribute the available funds among the states; and

WHEREAS Alaska is experiencing a severe economic recession and high unemployment and further delays in the highway

construction program for 1987 will aggravate the present economic situation;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the Congress to expeditiously enact legislation reauthorizing the Surface Transportation Assistance Act and to maintain the present formulas for allocation of federal-aid highway funds among the states.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George Bush, Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Jim Wright, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.