

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25

HOUSE MEMORIAL 18

45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2002

INTRODUCED BY

Ben Lujan

A MEMORIAL

**REQUESTING THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS TO REINSTATE FULL
FUNDING FOR STATE HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION.**

**WHEREAS, New Mexico could lose sixty-nine million dollars
(\$69,000,000) in federal highway funding under President
Bush's twenty-nine percent budget cut in federal aid to states
under the federal department of transportation's proposed
budget; and**

**WHEREAS, the cuts are attributed to a decline in federal
tax revenues resulting from lower sales of gasoline and big
trucks; and**

**WHEREAS, a loss of sixty-nine million dollars
(\$69,000,000) from the state's highway budget would be more
than a ten percent decline; and**

WHEREAS, the state highway and transportation department

underscored material = new
[bracketed material] = delete

underscored material = new
[bracketed material] = delete

1 will have to postpone some major highway construction
2 projects, including the improvements to United States highway
3 84-285 from Santa Fe to Pojoaque; and

4 WHEREAS, a loss of federal money could make it difficult
5 for the state highway and transportation department to repay
6 bonds and might have long-lasting consequences for the state's
7 economy; and

8 WHEREAS, the construction industry projects a loss of
9 ninety thousand jobs nationally;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
11 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the president
12 and congress be requested to reinstate full funding for
13 assistance to state highway construction programs, including
14 New Mexico's share of sixty-nine million dollars
15 (\$69,000,000); and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
17 transmitted to the president and the New Mexico congressional
18 delegation.

19 - 2 -
20
21
22
23
24
25