

2001 Senate Joint Resolution 11

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to: urging U.S. Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta to support federal funding for immediate repair and reconstruction of the Hoan Bridge in Milwaukee.

Whereas, the health, welfare and economic well-being of the citizens of Wisconsin depend on a safe and efficient transportation infrastructure; and

Whereas, the Daniel Webster Hoan Bridge in Milwaukee is part of Interstate Highway 794, a federal-aid highway; and

Whereas, the Hoan Bridge provides an essential transportation link between several communities in the Milwaukee metropolitan area; and

Whereas, the Hoan Bridge provides an essential transportation link for freight traffic from the city, county, and state to the Port of Milwaukee; and

Whereas, the Hoan Bridge was severely damaged on December 13, 2000, due to catastrophic failure of portions of the bridge; and

Whereas, the immediate repair and reconstruction of the Hoan Bridge, as well as timely mitigation of potential damage caused by catastrophic failure of portions of the bridge and subsequent controlled demolition, are vital to the health, welfare, and economic well-being of the citizens of Wisconsin; and

Whereas, Wisconsin Governor Tommy Thompson declared a state of emergency concerning the bridge on December 18, 2000; and

Whereas, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation submitted a request to the U.S. Department of Transportation for emergency relief funding, authorized under 23 USC 125, on December 18, 2000; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the Wisconsin legislature urges U.S. Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta to expedite the process to declare all bridge repair, reconstruction, and mitigation costs eligible for federal emergency relief funding and, with the cooperation of the eleven members of this state's congressional delegation, to provide other federal funds for any additional bridge repair, reconstruction, and mitigation costs through enactment of appropriate funding resolutions and legislation; and, be it further

Resolved, That the senate chief clerk shall send copies of this joint resolution to U.S. Secretary of Transportation Mineta and to each member of the congressional delegation from this state.

Representative Scott R. Jensen Speaker of the Assembly Senator Fred A. Risser President of the Senate

Date

Donald J. Schneider Senate Chief Clerk