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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 232

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Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications

WHEREAS, in 1988 the Legislature, with LB 1041, identified the importance of a system of expressways in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the expressways were to connect cities with 15,000 inhabitants or more to the Interstate highways; and

WHEREAS, 421 miles of the expressway plan have been completed and 179 miles are awaiting construction; and

WHEREAS, the use of traffic volume, the top priority recognized by the Department of Roads, is a valid planning tool for upgrading the state highway system in general; and

WHEREAS, expressway completion affects the economic health of our rural areas and the cities which they connect; and

WHEREAS, highway construction costs are increasing and federal highway funding is uncertain.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE

HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee of the Legislature hold a public hearing or hearings to address the importance of prioritizing the uncompleted segments of the 1988 expressway plan, to request that the Department of Roads advise the committee of its plans to prioritize these uncompleted segments, and to address the importance of economic development as a factor more urgent than traffic volume in the completion of the 1988 expressway plan.

2. That the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee submit to the One Hundredth Legislature, Second Session, any legislation needed to effectuate the purposes of this resolution.