
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8—SENATOR PORTER

MARCH 14, 2001

JOINT SPONSOR: ASSEMBLYMAN BROWN

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Urges CANAMEX Corridor Coalition and Federal Highway Administration to consider alternative routes for certain segment of CANAMEX Trade Corridor. (BDR R-1245)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION—Urging the CANAMEX Corridor Coalition and the Federal Highway Administration to consider alternative routes for a certain segment of the CANAMEX Trade Corridor.

- 1 WHEREAS, The states of Arizona, Nevada, Utah, Idaho and Montana are
2 working cooperatively to plan for the enhancement and promotion of the
3 CANAMEX Trade Corridor, a continuous highway route that connects
4 Canada and Mexico through portions of each of these states; and
5 WHEREAS, The CANAMEX Corridor Coalition, consisting of
6 representatives from each of the five states, is responsible for managing the
7 development of the CANAMEX Corridor Plan; and
8 WHEREAS, The portion of the Corridor consisting of Interstate Highway
9 No. 15 extends from the border between Montana and Alberta to Las
10 Vegas, and the Corridor south of Phoenix consists of portions of Interstate
11 Highways No. 10 and No. 19; and
12 WHEREAS, Of the two alternative routes between Las Vegas, Nevada,
13 and Kingman, Arizona, the route following U.S. Highway No. 95, Nevada
14 state highway Route No. 163 and Arizona state highway Route No. 68,
15 which passes through Laughlin, Nevada, and Bullhead City, Arizona, has
16 many advantages and is superior to the existing plan, in which the route
17 follows U.S. Highway No. 93, through Boulder City, Nevada, and over the
18 Hoover Dam; and
19 WHEREAS, The key goal of the designation of the CANAMEX Trade
20 Corridor is the development of a continuous four-lane highway from
21 Mexico City, Mexico, to Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, and both routes for



1 the segment of the Corridor between Las Vegas and Kingman will require
2 upgrades and are not in the system of interstate highways; and

3 WHEREAS, The Nevada Department of Transportation is planning to
4 upgrade U.S. Highway No. 95 in southern Clark County to at least four
5 lanes, and the remaining portions of the segment consisting of Nevada state
6 highway Route No. 163 and Arizona state highway Route No. 68 also
7 have, or are planned to have, four-lane status; and

8 WHEREAS, One purpose of the CANAMEX Trade Corridor is to
9 provide "a broad economic development concept that fosters trade and
10 provides an opportunity for accelerated economic growth throughout the
11 region" of the Corridor; and

12 WHEREAS, The area that includes Laughlin and Bullhead City is a
13 rapidly growing resort community and offers a wide variety of recreational
14 attractions for visitors; and

15 WHEREAS, Increased traffic through Laughlin and Bullhead City would
16 stimulate the economic development of each community by providing
17 additional visitors and travelers to that area; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA,
19 JOINTLY, That the Nevada Legislature respectfully requests that the
20 CANAMEX Corridor Coalition consider alternative routes to the route
21 through Boulder City, Nevada, and over Hoover Dam and particularly
22 consider the route that goes through Laughlin, Nevada, and Bullhead City,
23 Arizona, as a part of the CANAMEX Trade Corridor; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That the Nevada Legislature also urges the Federal
25 Highway Administration to consider, evaluate and include the route
26 containing U.S. Highway No. 95, Nevada state highway Route No. 163 and
27 Arizona state highway Route No. 68 through Laughlin and Bullhead City
28 as an official alternative to the U.S. Highway No. 93 route over Hoover
29 Dam in its planning for the upgrade of the CANAMEX Trade Corridor;
30 and be it further

31 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy
32 of this resolution to the CANAMEX Corridor Coalition and to the Federal
33 Highway Administration; and be it further

34 RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.

