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House
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1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11
2 BY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
3 (SUCCESSOR TO SSB 57)
4 A Concurrent Resolution declaring support for Amtrak.
5 WHEREAS, Amtrak, the national railroad passenger
6 corporation providing national railroad passenger
7 service, is energy efficient and environmentally
8 beneficial, consuming about half as much energy per
9 passenger mile as an airline and causing less air
10 pollution; and
11 WHEREAS, Amtrak provides mobility to citizens of
12 many smaller communities poorly served by air and bus
13 services and to those persons with medical conditions
14 which prevent them from flying; and
15 WHEREAS, Amtrak is nine times safer than driving a
16 motor vehicle on a passenger mile basis, and operates
17 even in severe weather conditions; and
18 WHEREAS, Amtrak travel rose forty-eight percent
19 from 1982 to 1993 and Amtrak dramatically improved
20 coverage of its operating costs from revenues; and
21 WHEREAS, expansion of Amtrak service by using
22 existing rail rights-of-way would cost less and use
23 less land than new highways and airports and would
24 further increase Amtrak's energy efficiency advantage;
25 and
26 WHEREAS, federal investment in Amtrak has fallen in
27 the last decade while it has risen for airports and
28 highways; and
29 WHEREAS, states may use highway trust fund money as
30 an eighty percent federal match for a variety of

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1 nonhighway programs, but are prohibited from using
2 these moneys for Amtrak projects; and

3 WHEREAS, Amtrak pays a fuel tax that airlines do
4 not pay; and

5 WHEREAS, Amtrak workers and vendors pay more in
6 taxes than the federal government invests in Amtrak;

7 NOW THEREFORE,

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE HOUSE OF
9 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the President of the
10 United States and the Congress are urged to do the
11 following:

12 1. Maintain the current level of Amtrak funding.

13 2. Exempt Amtrak from paying fuel taxes that
14 airlines do not pay.

15 3. Allow states the option to use federal highway
16 trust fund moneys on Amtrak projects.

17 4. Include a strong Amtrak system in any plans for
18 a national transportation system;

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this
20 Resolution be sent to the President of the United
21 States, the President of the United States Senate, the
22 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives,
23 and members of Iowa's congressional delegation.

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 11

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- 2 follows:
- 3 1. By striking page 1, line 29, through page 2,
- 4 line 2.
- 5 2. Page 2, by striking lines 15 and 16.
- 6 3. Page 2, line 17, by striking the figure "4."
- 7 and inserting the following: "3."

By COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
WELTER of Jones, Chairperson

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HOUSE AMENDMENT TO
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Senate concurred 4/24/95 (p. 1353)

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