1   SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 17

2   BY   WARNSTADT

3 A Resolution calling on the Congress of the United

4   States to enact a multiyear reauthorization of

5   federal highway and transit programs.

6   WHEREAS, legislation to reauthorize the federal-aid

7 highway and transit programs is more than 17 months

8 overdue; and

9   WHEREAS, the six short-term program extensions

10 enacted by the United States Congress have forced

11 states and localities to delay construction of

12 critical highway and transit projects, impeded job

13 creation, postponed lifesaving safety improvements,

14 and the completion of congestion-reducing measures;

15 and

16   WHEREAS, further delay will increase project costs

17 and dilute the purchasing power of federal

18 transportation dollars; and

19   WHEREAS, investments in transportation are

20 investments in people, and the transportation network

21 is the means through which children return from school

22 safely, older Americans and those with disabilities

23 gain mobility, and commuters have affordable mass

24 transit options to get to work; and

25   WHEREAS, a well-functioning transportation system

26 is critical to America's security, productivity, and

27 global competitiveness; and

28   WHEREAS, inadequate funding proposals impede the

29 ability of the United States Congress to reach

30 agreement on a long-term funding bill; NOW THEREFORE,

1   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Iowa Senate
2 urges the United States Congress to immediately enact
3 and President George W. Bush to approve a well-
4 funded, multiyear reauthorization of federal highway
5 and transit programs; and
6   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the
7 Senate shall forward copies of this Resolution to the
8 President of the United States, the President of the
9 Senate of the United States, the Speaker of the House
10 of Representatives of the United States, and members
11 of Iowa's congressional delegation.
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