

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 44th Legislature (1993)

HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1017

By: Adair of the House

and

Stipe of the Senate

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution requesting a minimum return of federal mass transit funds to Oklahoma; declaring use of the federal mass transit funds; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Oklahoma's eighteen rural and urban public transit systems are a key component of the quality of life in Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, public transit is critical to rural areas where bus service prevents isolation and where bus stops are vanishing as the result of deregulation; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma ranks 47th in the percentage return of funds from the federal mass transit account; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Oklahoma are providing over Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00) every year for the federal mass transit trust account as the result of the federal one and one-half cents (\$0.015) per gallon tax on fuel; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma is a donor state to the federal transit fund with the return of Oklahoma taxpayer money to our state for transit purposes from this particular fund amounting to less than Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00); and

WHEREAS, this discrepancy is possibly the greatest single inequity on the return of Oklahoma federal tax dollars; and

WHEREAS, the eighteen urban and rural public transit systems in Oklahoma provide an important link in the overall transportation program in Oklahoma.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 44TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT a floor be established guaranteeing a minimum return of federal mass transit funds to Oklahoma of at least Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) for transit purposes.

THAT the remainder of Oklahoma's contribution to this account be returned to the state for expressway, highway, road, street and bridge construction and maintenance in order to eliminate the "donor state" status regarding the contribution made by this state to the federal transit fund.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, and to each member of the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation.

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