

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 40 By: Stipe

A Resolution recommending that the Corporation Commission create the Oklahoma Railroad Crossing Safety Task Force; providing for membership; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma State Senate recognizes the resurgence of the railroad industry at the state and national levels; and

WHEREAS, efficient rail transportation is critical to Oklahoma businesses and industries competing in national and international markets; and

WHEREAS, increased rail traffic in and through Oklahoma magnifies the importance of effective state government safety policies and procedures for highway rail crossings; and

WHEREAS, such safety policies must provide for essential mobility of the motoring public and facilitate the transportation of commerce; and

WHEREAS, the Corporation Commission has jurisdiction over railroad crossings; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma State Senate supports the formation of a railroad crossing safety task force to review and develop recommendations for improvements in railroad crossing safety, including guidelines for opening or consolidating railroad crossings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 46TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate recommends that the Corporation Commission create the Oklahoma Railroad Crossing Safety Task Force.

THAT the task force be composed of county and local government officials, railroad industry representatives, a highway user representative, a representative of Operation Lifesaver, a representative from the Department of Transportation, a representative from the Department of Public Safety, and a representative from the public at large.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the Corporation Commission, the Department of Transportation, and the Department of Public Safety.

Adopted by the Senate the 30th day of May, 1997.

President of the Senate