

ENROLLED SENATE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 48

By: Muegge of the Senate

and

Sellers, Roggow and Pope
(Clay) of the House

A Concurrent Resolution creating the Legislative Task Force on State Agricultural Transportation Needs and limiting its duration; stating purpose; requiring report to certain officials and setting deadline; stating number and qualifications of members; providing for appointment; providing for meetings; authorizing reimbursement for travel expenses and setting limits; directing the Senate and House of Representatives to provide staff assistance; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, with the disappearance of rail transportation, the Oklahoma farmer is faced with a problem in transporting agricultural products to market; and

WHEREAS, it would appear that present roads and highways are inadequate to carry truck traffic necessary to efficiently move Oklahoma agricultural products to market; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma farmer has suffered through decades of trials and tribulation and is now faced with the prospect of providing crops and livestock to feed America but being unable to ship them to market; and

WHEREAS, the survival and prosperity of the Oklahoma farmer is one of the natural-resource-based economic cornerstones of the State of Oklahoma.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 47TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

SECTION 1. A. There is hereby created a Legislative Task Force on State Agricultural Transportation Needs which shall continue in existence until February 1, 2000, unless terminated earlier or extended. The Task Force shall conduct a comprehensive study of state transportation needs as they affect the farmer who ships agricultural products to market. The Task Force may recommend any needed reforms. The Task Force shall submit its report in writing no later than January 15, 2000, to the Governor, the President Pro

Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Commissioner of Agriculture and the Director of the Department of Transportation.

B. The Task Force shall be composed of seven (7) state legislators to be appointed no later than July 15, 1999, as follows:

1. Three members of the Senate shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and

2. Four members of the House of Representatives shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

SECTION 2. A. The initial meeting of the Legislative Task Force on State Agricultural Transportation Needs shall be at noon in the Senate Chamber at the State Capitol, on Thursday, August 5, 1999.

B. At the initial meeting, the members shall select a chair and vice-chair from the membership of the Task Force.

C. After the initial meeting, the Task Force shall meet pursuant to the call of the chair or, if the chair should become vacant, at the call of the vice-chair.

SECTION 3. A. Members of the Task Force shall receive reimbursement pursuant to Section 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes, except when the Legislature is in session.

B. The legislative staff of the Oklahoma Senate and the Oklahoma House of Representatives shall provide staff assistance to the Task Force.

SECTION 4. Copies of this resolution shall be distributed to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Director of the Legislative Service Bureau, the Commissioner of Agriculture, and the Director of the Department of Transportation.

Adopted by the Senate the 25th day of May, 1999.

President of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 27th day of May, 1999.

Speaker of the House of Representatives

