

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 49th Legislature (2004)

SENATE  
RESOLUTION 69

By: Lerblance

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A Resolution encouraging the Department of Transportation to purchase 90 miles of unused rail from McAlester, Oklahoma, to Shawnee, Oklahoma, from the Union Pacific Railroad line; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the Union Pacific Railroad line from McAlester, Oklahoma, to Shawnee, Oklahoma, is a key link in the restoration and stimulation of commerce of the east-west railroad corridor for the State of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, the rehabilitation of the Union Pacific Railroad line from McAlester, Oklahoma, to Shawnee, Oklahoma, will provide access to the rail lines in eastern Oklahoma communities that produce limestone, representing 60% of the state's total mineral production; and

WHEREAS, the rehabilitation of this section of railroad line from McAlester, Oklahoma, to Shawnee, Oklahoma, will provide an alternate route for western Oklahoma products to the Ports of Catoosa and Muskogee, allowing Oklahoma communities a worldwide link to commerce; and

WHEREAS, the rehabilitation of this section of railroad line from McAlester, Oklahoma, to Shawnee, Oklahoma, is an important and vital link in the Department of Defense rail network; and

WHEREAS, the Union Pacific Railroad line from McAlester, Oklahoma, to Shawnee, Oklahoma, is ranked the number one project of the Department of Transportation 1992 Oklahoma State Rail Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION  
OF THE 49TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate encourages the State of Oklahoma  
to purchase the 90 miles of unused Union Pacific Railroad line from  
McAlester, Oklahoma, to Shawnee, Oklahoma.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Secretary of  
Transportation Phil Tomlinson, the Rail Division of the Department  
of Transportation, and Oklahoma's Congressional Delegation.

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