

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 2.

MEMORIALIZING Congress to take favorable action on S. 36 or a similar bill authorizing an appropriation for federal aid in highway construction.

Whereas, the so-called public land states are denied sovereignty over a great portion of their domain and are thus deprived of the income and revenues which would otherwise be derived from taxation of such areas, by reason whereof the federal government to a very great extent owes to such states the duty of building highways across such nonproductive areas; and

Whereas, it has been customary in the past for the Congress of the United States to authorize an appropriation for federal aid in highway construction for two years in advance and no such federal aid has been authorized by Congress beyond the fiscal year 1933; and

Whereas, the moneys appropriated by the federal government and used on highways reaches down directly to the working man and is of direct benefit to a large number of laborers and others, thereby greatly relieving distress and suffering among the otherwise unemployed; and

Whereas, the State of Wyoming has utilized all federal aid heretofore authorized and the completion of the work now under construction will throw out of employment a large number of Wyoming citizens thus adversely affecting several thousand residents of the state, unless additional funds for construction work are provided for the purpose of completing the federal aid system in this state; and

Whereas, the authorization bill designated as S. 36 has already passed the United States Senate and has already been favorably reported to the House of Representatives by the House Committee on roads;

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Twenty-second Legislature, the House of Representatives concurring, that the Congress of the United States of America be and is hereby memorialized to take favorable and prompt action upon and to pass said S. 36 or a similar bill authorizing a federal aid appropriation for highway construction in an amount consistent with other governmental expenditures at this time; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the President of the United States be respectfully urged and requested to approve such bill upon its passage in order that the provisions thereof may become effective at an early date; and

Be It Further Resolved, that a certified copy of this Joint Memorial be sent to the President of the United States and the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to each of the members of the Congressional Delegation of this state in Congress.

Approved February 7, 1933.