

Senate Resolution 750

By: Senators Pearson of the 51st, Mullis of the 53rd, Rogers of the 21st, Hill of the 32nd, Seay of the 34th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the United States Department of Transportation to reconsider its mission and purpose;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation was established by an act of
4 Congress on October 15, 1966, and the department's first official day of operation was
5 April 1, 1967; and

6 WHEREAS, the mission of the department is to "Serve the United States by ensuring a fast,
7 safe, efficient, accessible and convenient transportation system that meets our vital national
8 interests and enhances the quality of life of the American people, today and into the future."

9 WHEREAS, the main mission of the department has largely been fulfilled by the completion
10 of the federal interstate highway system; and

11 WHEREAS, state and local governments are faced with difficult decisions regarding local
12 transportation needs on a continuing and ever-increasing basis; and

13 WHEREAS, the state motor fuel taxes charged to the citizens of Georgia are needlessly sent
14 to the federal government before being returned to the state government; and

15 WHEREAS, Georgia is a donor state and does not receive back as much motor fuel tax as
16 it collects and sends to the federal government.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
18 GEORGIA that this body urges making the funds collected under the federal gas tax
19 immediately available to individual states to fund their transportation needs.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body urges the federal government to cease the
2 collection of state motor fuel taxes in Georgia so that the state can collect and distribute the
3 taxes without the delay caused by federal collection and disbursement.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be delivered to the
5 Commissioner of the United States Department of Transportation and to the congressional
6 delegation of the State of Georgia.