

## 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

**AS PASSED**

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 and

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

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

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

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

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
19 GEORGIA that this body urges making the funds collected under the federal gas tax  
20 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 motor fuel taxes in Georgia so that the state can collect and distribute the taxes  
3 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.