

Senate Resolution 605

By: Senator Pearson of the 51st

ADOPTED SENATE

A RESOLUTION

1 Requesting that the United States Congress avoid wasteful, unnecessary, and unwise
2 projects; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the United States Congress has passed and President Barack Obama has signed
4 legislation known as the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 as a way to
5 stimulate the American economy and create new jobs for American workers; and

6 WHEREAS, a significant percentage of the funds authorized by this act are targeted toward
7 creating jobs through investments in transportation and other infrastructure projects; and

8 WHEREAS, one reported project seeking funding includes a so-called "Mob Museum" in
9 Las Vegas, Nevada, which is an obvious waste of taxpayer dollars; and

10 WHEREAS, even such projects as the O'Hare Modernization Project, which purports to solve
11 delays at the nation's second busiest airport, may seem like quality infrastructure investments,
12 but close examination reveals that the project does not fix key choke points at the existing
13 terminal, lengthens the time and distance that airplanes must taxi, increases the number of
14 aircraft taxiing across active runways which creates safety risks, and requires travel times
15 estimated at 45-60 minutes from the main terminal to the new terminal; and

16 WHEREAS, this project, referred to as "The Runway to Nowhere," has failed to obtain
17 funding from local, state, and federal sources based on a review of the project's merits, and
18 the airlines serving O'Hare Airport have called the plan ill-conceived and premature.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
20 request that the Georgia congressional delegation carefully review all proposed projects to
21 ensure that any taxpayer dollars authorized and appropriated for transportation infrastructure
22 meet strict economic competitiveness standards based on improving mobility for the
23 American public.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the the members of this body request that the Georgia
25 congressional delegation oppose efforts to build projects like the so-called "Mob Museum"
26 and the so-called "Runway to Nowhere."

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
28 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to each member of the Georgia
29 congressional delegation.