

Senate Resolution 940

By: Senators Jones of the 25th, Mullis of the 53rd, Kennedy of the 18th, Beach of the 21st, Tillery of the 19th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Supporting the infrastructure plan presented by the President of the United States; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Trump Administration is committed to creating a safe, fast, reliable, and
4 modern infrastructure in order to meet the needs of the American people and the economy;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, the administration's proposal will spur at least \$1.5 trillion of investment
7 opportunities in order to address our crumbling infrastructure, thereby permanently fixing
8 the infrastructure deficit and preparing the United States for opportunities that lie ahead; and

9 WHEREAS, this proposal will fix the broken permit process within the United States of
10 America, which has degraded from taking as little as one year to build the Empire State
11 Building to one that can take up to ten years simply to gain approval to build a highway; and

12 WHEREAS, by streamlining the permitting and approval process, and lowering it to no more
13 than two years, America may become a global leader in infrastructure; and

14 WHEREAS, the proposal will return the responsibility of decision making to the states,
15 empowering states and localities to invest in infrastructure projects that they want without
16 the burden of having the federal government impede their creativity, add costs, or slow down
17 the overall process; and

18 WHEREAS, it will designate \$100 billion as matching funds for state, local, and private
19 investments, and will broaden existing authorities in order to delegate environmental review
20 and permitting responsibilities to the states; and

21 WHEREAS, the proposal dedicates \$50 billion toward allowing rural America to address its
22 unique infrastructure challenges, and \$20 billion toward spurring competition centered

23 around bold, innovative, and transformative infrastructure projects that will dramatically
24 improve future infrastructure; and

25 WHEREAS, it will allow new projects to be generated that will lead to an increase of
26 employment within the construction industry, and which will broadly boost the demand for
27 labor; and

28 WHEREAS, the proposal will be committed to helping more individuals gain access to
29 affordable, relevant, and quality education which will lead to skill development, full-time
30 work opportunities, and long-term careers by expanding Pell Grant eligibility to high-quality,
31 short-term programs and by reforming licensing requirements for individuals seeking an
32 infrastructure project job.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
34 support the infrastructure plan presented by the President of the United States.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
36 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the
37 press.