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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 17

BY SENATOR ADLEY

TRANSPORTATION/DEV DEPT. Directs DOTD to construct toll booths at entrances and exits on state highways to Indian casinos.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To direct the Department of Transportation and Development to construct toll booths at all entrances and exits on state highways to casinos operated on Indian lands in the state.

WHEREAS, the state primarily funds state highways through the taxes levied on gasoline and special fuels, which are deposited into the Transportation Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the revenues generated from Louisiana's sixteen cent per gallon gasoline and special fuels tax is not keeping pace with inflation and the costs to maintain and improve the state highway system; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana's gasoline and special fuels tax has not been increased since 1984; and

WHEREAS, there is a backlog of state highway needs estimated to cost in excess of twelve billion dollars; and

WHEREAS, the imposition of tolls or user fees on the thousands of Indian casino patrons who use state highways each day would be a much needed new source of revenue for the state to pay for the costs to maintain and improve the state's highways; and

WHEREAS, new and innovative revenue sources for transportation infrastructures are desperately needed to reduce the backlog of state highway needs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby

1       direct the Department of Transportation and Development to construct toll booths at all  
2       entrances and exits on state highways to casinos operated on Indian lands in the state.

3               BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
4       secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development.

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      The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
      of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Sharon F. Lyles.

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DIGEST

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