



## 2001 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 11

January 25, 2001 - Introduced by Senators GROBSCHMIDT, BRESKE, BURKE, FARROW, MOORE, ROSENZWEIG, DARLING, GEORGE, LAZICH and BAUMGART, cosponsored by Representatives STONE, RICHARDS, GUNDERSON, SINICKI, HAHN, PLALE, PETROWSKI, SHERMAN, BOCK, COLON, LEIBHAM, LOEFFELHOLZ, STASKUNAS, AINSWORTH, CARPENTER, COGGS, LIPPERT, KRUG, CULLEN, HEBL, SCHOOFF, WASSERMAN, LA FAVE, KRUSICK and RILEY. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1     **Relating to:** urging U.S. Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta to support  
2             federal funding for immediate repair and reconstruction of the Hoan Bridge in  
3             Milwaukee.

4             Whereas, the health, welfare and economic well-being of the citizens of  
5     Wisconsin depend on a safe and efficient transportation infrastructure; and

6             Whereas, the Daniel Webster Hoan Bridge in Milwaukee is part of Interstate  
7     Highway 794, a federal-aid highway; and

8             Whereas, the Hoan Bridge provides an essential transportation link between  
9     several communities in the Milwaukee metropolitan area; and

10            Whereas, the Hoan Bridge provides an essential transportation link for freight  
11     traffic from the city, county, and state to the Port of Milwaukee; and

12            Whereas, the Hoan Bridge was severely damaged on December 13, 2000, due  
13     to catastrophic failure of portions of the bridge; and

14            Whereas, the immediate repair and reconstruction of the Hoan Bridge, as well  
15     as timely mitigation of potential damage caused by catastrophic failure of portions

1 of the bridge and subsequent controlled demolition, are vital to the health, welfare,  
2 and economic well-being of the citizens of Wisconsin; and

3 Whereas, Wisconsin Governor Tommy Thompson declared a state of emergency  
4 concerning the bridge on December 18, 2000; and

5 Whereas, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation submitted a request to  
6 the U.S. Department of Transportation for emergency relief funding, authorized  
7 under 23 USC 125, on December 18, 2000; now, therefore, be it

8 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the Wisconsin  
9 legislature urges U.S. Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta to expedite the  
10 process to declare all bridge repair, reconstruction, and mitigation costs eligible for  
11 federal emergency relief funding and, with the cooperation of the eleven members of  
12 this state's congressional delegation, to provide other federal funds for any  
13 additional bridge repair, reconstruction, and mitigation costs through enactment of  
14 appropriate funding resolutions and legislation; and, be it further

15 ***Resolved, That*** the senate chief clerk shall send copies of this joint resolution  
16 to U.S. Secretary of Transportation Mineta and to each member of the congressional  
17 delegation from this state.

18 (END)