

# State of South Dakota

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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1026

Introduced by: Representatives Bolin, Bartling, Craig, Greenfield, Hickey, and Schaefer

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Urging restoration of funding to the railroad trust fund.

2 WHEREAS, the construction of railroads was a key part of the history and heritage of the  
3 State of South Dakota; and

4 WHEREAS, the construction of railroads keeps heavy trucks off the roads of the state and  
5 saves us from excessive new gas taxes for the average consumer; and

6 WHEREAS, in 2006, \$38 million was removed from the railroad trust fund and placed in  
7 the property tax reduction fund; and

8 WHEREAS, restoring money taken from dedicated funds is in keeping with South Dakota  
9 values; and

10 WHEREAS, the state has received a very large windfall of resources in the current fiscal  
11 year which could be used to restore these funds; and

12 WHEREAS, President Ronald Reagan, when running for president in 1980, said repeatedly,  
13 "If not us, who? If not now, when?"; and

14 WHEREAS, this statement by Ronald Reagan should reflect our attitude towards the  
15 replacement of dedicated funds to their rightful place:



1       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Eighty-  
2 Ninth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the  
3 Legislature resolves to begin a deliberate and ongoing effort to restore dedicated funds to their  
4 original location in the accounting system of South Dakota, to urge the executive branch to do  
5 the same, and to resolve to refuse to engage in this practice in the future.