

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1806

A RESOLUTION urging the United States Congress to give Kansas an exemption to the federal freeze on more productive trucks and allow Kansas to determine the appropriate vehicle size limits necessary for the economic needs of the state.

WHEREAS, The United States Congress approved 23 U.S.C. § 127(d) on June 1, 1991, which froze the truck size limits to those lengths that were being operated at such time; and

WHEREAS, Operation of more productive vehicles has been frozen by federal law for 20 years; and

WHEREAS, The custom harvesting industry requested that the legislature approve additional length for their combination vehicles and were informed of the federal freeze and the potential loss of federal highway funds to Kansas should the freeze be violated; and

WHEREAS, States should have the flexibility to adopt vehicle size laws necessary for the economic growth for the state and region; and

WHEREAS, The custom harvesting industry contributes to feeding this country and to the United States' energy independence by efficiently and effectively harvesting a variety of crops both for food and fuel; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska has received a similar exemption to allow custom harvesters to transport their machinery; and

WHEREAS, Any change in vehicle size laws must be adopted by both the Kansas House of Representatives and Kansas Senate and approved by the Governor: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we urge the United States Congress to give Kansas an exemption to the freeze on more productive trucks, thereby allowing Kansas to respond to new technology and new vehicle size requirements; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to the United States secretary of transportation and each member of the Kansas congressional delegation.

Senate Resolution No. 1806 was sponsored by Committee on Transportation.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.