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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 67

Offered January 18, 2000

Requesting the Virginia Department of Transportation to study the desirability and feasibility of creating a special taxing district to fund needed transportation projects along the Interstate Route 66 corridor between the Capital Beltway and Manassas.

Patrons-McClure, Brink and Hull; Senators: Colgan, Puller, Ticer and Whipple

Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, Interstate Route 66 not only serves as a major east-west highway transportation component, but also as a very important focus of economic activity; and

WHEREAS, the fact that the Interstate Route 66 corridor is not only a travel artery, but also a travel destination in its own right, makes identification of its needs and potential, together with sources of necessary funding to meet those needs and develop that potential, doubly important; and

WHEREAS, experience at several locations around the Commonwealth — particularly the Virginia Route 28 corridor, have shown that creation of a special taxing district can be an extremely useful and very powerful device for funding necessary transportation improvements and sustaining economic development; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the Virginia Department of Transportation be requested to study the desirability and feasibility of creating a special taxing district to fund needed transportation projects along the Interstate Route 66 corridor between the Capital Beltway and Manassas.

All agencies of the Commonwealth and affected local governments shall provide assistance to the Department for this study, upon request.

The Department shall complete its work in time to submit its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the 2001 Session of the General Assembly as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents.