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H. R. 5630

To direct the Secretary of Transportation to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of constructing a highway in California connecting State Route 130 in Santa Clara County with Interstate Route 5 in San Joaquin County.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 10, 2002

Mr. POMBO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF**
4 **HIGHWAY IN SANTA CLARA AND SAN JOA-**
5 **QUIN COUNTIES, CALIFORNIA.**

6 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

1 (1) More than half of the road miles on the
2 Interstate System are congested during peak travel
3 hours.

4 (2) Over the next 20 years, the United States
5 population is projected to increase by 60,000,000
6 people and highway travel by more than 40 percent.

7 (3) Highway capacity must be increased to pro-
8 mote safer travel conditions.

9 (4) Forty-two percent of the Nation's major
10 urban roads carry a high volume of traffic, which is
11 often more than they were designed to handle.

12 (5) Traffic congestion creates dangers for mo-
13 torists, slows the movement of goods, and hinders
14 economic competitiveness.

15 (6) Idling vehicles increase air pollution, while
16 wasted time and fuel cost the United States econ-
17 omy more than \$70,000,000,000 a year.

18 (b) FEASIBILITY STUDY.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Transpor-
20 tation shall conduct a study to determine the feasi-
21 bility of constructing a highway in California con-
22 necting State Route 130 in Santa Clara County with
23 Interstate Route 5 in San Joaquin County.

24 (2) ASSUMPTIONS.—In conducting the study,
25 the Secretary shall use the following assumptions:

1 (A) The highway will be open only to pas-
2 senger vehicles.

3 (B) The highway will have a total of 6
4 lanes, including 3 lanes in each direction.

5 (C) The highway will be constructed using
6 innovative financing.

7 (D) The highway will be constructed using
8 performance-based contracting.

9 (E) The highway will be constructed using
10 procedures that allow streamlined compliance
11 with environmental requirements, without un-
12 dermining the purpose of the requirements.

13 (F) The highway may contain high occu-
14 pancy vehicle lanes, energy-efficient vehicle
15 lanes, and high occupancy toll lanes.

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