

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill as
Introduced

HB 667-FN-A - AS INTRODUCED

2013 SESSION

13-0470
09/01

HOUSE BILL

667-FN-A

AN ACT

establishing a temporary surcharge to the road toll to be dedicated to funding the state 10-year transportation improvement plan for rural and town roads.

SPONSORS:

Rep. Khan, Rock 20

COMMITTEE:

Public Works and Highways

ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a temporary surcharge to the road toll to be dedicated to funding the state 10-year transportation improvement plan for rural and town roads.

Explanation:

Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.

Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~

Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Thirteen

AN ACT establishing a temporary surcharge to the road toll to be dedicated to funding the state 10-year transportation improvement plan for rural and town roads.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

- 1 1 Road Toll Surcharge. For the time period from January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2016, a \$.05
- 2 surcharge per gallon shall be added to the road toll collected under RSA 260:32. The revenue
- 3 generated from this surcharge shall be used by the department of transportation for funding the
- 4 state 10-year transportation improvement plan for rural and town roads.
- 5 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2014.

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HB 667-FN-A - FISCAL NOTE

AN ACT establishing a temporary surcharge to the road toll to be dedicated to funding the state 10-year transportation improvement plan for rural and town roads.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Budget Assistant is unable to complete a fiscal note for this bill, as introduced, as it is awaiting information from the Department of Transportation. When completed, the fiscal note will be forwarded to the House Clerk's Office.

Speakers

Hearing Minutes

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 667-FN-A

BILL TITLE: establishing a temporary surcharge to the road toll to be dedicated to funding the state 10-year transportation improvement plan for rural and town roads.

DATE: February 19, 2013

LOB ROOM: 201 **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 10:00 a.m.

Time Adjourned: 10:15 a.m.

(please circle if present)

Committee Members: Reps. Campbell, Cloutier, Ramsey, M. Mann, Irwin, Hammon, Higgins, Jack, Ebel, Piper, Ratzki, Graham, B. Tilton, G. Chandler, McConkey, Gionet, Fried, Kolodziej, Waterhouse and Mitz.

Bill Sponsors: Rep. Khan, Rock 20

TESTIMONY

* Use asterisk if written testimony and/or amendments are submitted.

Rep. Aboul Khan, sponsor. Introduced and spoke in favor of HB 667. In response to questions from the Committee, Rep. Kahn testified that while he proposes a 5 cent increase for a limited period, he understands that the increase may need to be extended.

Mr. Ray Schweiker testified that he supports HB 667 as opposed to HB 437 or HB 617. He stated that it would be easier for the public to accept a temporary increase. He also stated that Diesel Road Toll should be higher than passenger vehicles.

Mr. Scully testified against Mr. Schweiker's proposal.

Respectfully submitted,



Rep. Kevin Waterhouse,
Acting Clerk

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Mr. Scully testified against Mr. Schwieker's proposal.

Testimony

2/19/2013

Good Morning Mr. Chairman Campbell and Good Morning my fellow, honorable representatives,

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to testify before you for my House bill 667. Thank God we live in this beautiful, scenic and prosperous New Hampshire. We all call this lovely state, our home. But, it seems to me we are forgetting that our roads and bridges and highways continue to deteriorate, due to the lack of maintenance and improvement. For many years, we are neglecting to address this crucial issue. The weakening infrastructure is hampering our growth, our productivity, our tourism and our daily lives. We can continue to finger-point and find excuses for this critical issue however, this won't do us any good. We need to take a bold step now. How are we going to do it? My proposal House Bill 667 suggests that we implement a temporary gasoline surcharge of 5 cents a gallon for the next three years. This account will be dedicated to funding the state 10-year transportation improvement plan for all the rural and town roads. My fellow representatives, I want to give you a practical example. Last year, the State of New Hampshire spent more than 15 million dollars to renovate Hampton Beach. However, in order to get to the Hampton Beach, many drivers take Exit 1 in Seabrook and then take Route 1; but from Seabrook Route 1 to Hampton Falls Route 1 to Route 101 in Hampton Beach, the roads are all one-lane narrow roads. This means all the money that the State has invested in Hampton Beach cannot be adequately utilized or enjoyed unless we increase our infrastructure capabilities for now and the future. This was just one example, of many. I am sure you can provide many similar examples like this one. Therefore, I am requesting you to vote for HB 667 in order to keep New Hampshire economically competitive, financially prosperous and a hub for tourism. As a sponsor of this bill, I am open for any amendment to this bill; however, the one thing I am hesitant to include in this bill is the increase of the vehicle registration fee. The last time the vehicle registration fee was increased a couple of years ago, it was very unpopular in our small towns and cities throughout New Hampshire. As a Selectman in the town of Seabrook, I had to hear from many residents regarding their dissatisfaction of the registration increase. My fellow honorable members, the money has to come from somewhere so, my argument is that the people who use our roads the most should pay their fair share, which includes both New Hampshire residents and visitors. The alternative is to continue ignoring our deteriorating roads and bridges and wait till wherever the chips may fall, which is not an option. So again, Honorable members, I'm urging you to vote in favor of HB667.

Thank You and God Bless America,



Representative Aboul B. Khan
Rockingham 20, Seabrook, Hampton Falls
3 Greenleaf Drive
Seabrook, NH 03874

Voting Sheets

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 667-FN-A

BILL TITLE: establishing a temporary surcharge to the road toll to be dedicated to funding the state 10-year transportation improvement plan for rural and town roads.

DATE: February 21, 2013

LOB ROOM: 201

Amendments:

Sponsor: Rep.	OLS Document #:
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Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. Cloutier

Seconded by Rep. Higgins

Vote: 16-0 (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

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Moved by Rep.

Seconded by Rep.

Vote: (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE: yes

(Vote to place on Consent Calendar must be unanimous.)

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Maureen R. Mann, Clerk



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 667-FN-A

BILL TITLE: establishing a temporary surcharge to the road toll to be dedicated to funding the state 10-year transportation improvement plan for rural and town roads.

DATE: 2/21

LOB ROOM: 201

Amendments:

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Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep.
Seconded by Rep.
Vote: (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. *Cloutier (blurb)*
Seconded by Rep. *Higgins*
Vote: (Please attach record of roll call vote.) *16-0*

CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE: *YES*

(Vote to place on Consent Calendar must be unanimous.)

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,
Rep. Maureen R. Mann, Clerk



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE HOUSE CLERK

1/10/2013 10:49:44 AM
Roll Call Committee Registers
Report

2013 SESSION

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

Bill #: HB 667-FD-A

Title: establishing temporary surcharge to road tax to be dedicated to funding the state 10-yr. transp. improvement plan for rural + local roads

PH Date: 2 / 19 / 2013

Exec Session Date: 2 / 21 / 2013

Motion: ITL

Amendment #: _____

MEMBER	YEAS	NAYS
Campbell, David B, Chairman	✓	
Cloutier, John R, V Chairman	✓	
Ramsey, Peter E	✓	
Mann, Maureen R, Clerk	✓	
Irwin, Virginia	✓	
Ebel, Karen E		
Hammon, Marcia	✓	
Higgins, Patricia C	✓	
Jack, Martin L	✓	
Piper, Wendy A		
Ratzki, Mario F	✓	
Graham, John A	✓	
Chandler, Gene G,		
Gionet, Edmond D	✓	
McConkey, Mark E	✓	
Waterhouse, Kevin K,	✓	
Tilton, Franklin T	✓	
Kolodziej, Walter	✓	
Friel, William G		
Milz, David E	✓	
TOTAL VOTE:	<u>16</u>	

Committee Report

CONSENT CALENDAR

February 21, 2013

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Committee on PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS to
which was referred HB667-FN-A,

AN ACT establishing a temporary surcharge to the road
toll to be dedicated to funding the state 10-year
transportation improvement plan for rural and town
roads. Having considered the same, report the same
with the following Resolution: **RESOLVED**, That it is
INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.

Rep. John R Cloutier

FOR THE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS
Bill Number:	HB667-FN-A
Title:	establishing a temporary surcharge to the road toll to be dedicated to funding the state 10-year transportation improvement plan for rural and town roads.
Date:	February 21, 2013
Consent Calendar:	YES
Recommendation:	INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

STATEMENT OF INTENT

The committee is very grateful to the sponsor for his recognition of the need to fix our roads, bridges, and his willingness to introduce a bill to address the problem. However, the committee believes that the issue is more comprehensively addressed in House Bill 617.

Vote 16-0.

Rep. John R. Cloutier
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

CONSENT CALENDAR

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

HB667-FN-A, establishing a temporary surcharge to the road toll to be dedicated to funding the state 10-year transportation improvement plan for rural and town roads. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. John R Cloutier for PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS. The committee is very grateful to the sponsor for his recognition of the need to fix our roads, bridges, and his willingness to introduce a bill to address the problem. However, the committee believes that the issue is more comprehensively addressed in House Bill 617. **Vote 16-0.**

Blurbs

Public Works & Highways

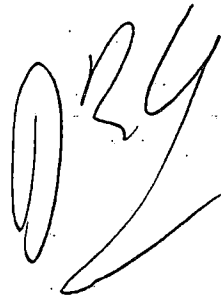
HB 667 establishing a temporary surcharge to the road toll to be dedicated to funding the state 10-year transportation improvement plan for rural and town roads.

ITL Consent Calendar 16-0

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Respectfully submitted,

Rep. John Cloutier
For the Committee

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Cloutier', is written over a horizontal dashed line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

COMMITTEE REPORT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 667

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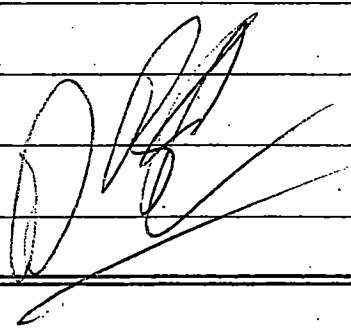
DATE: Feb. 21, 2013 CONSENT CALENDAR: YES NO JRC

- OUGHT TO PASS
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- INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE
- INTERIM STUDY (Available only 2nd year of biennium)

Amendment No.
N/A

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COMMITTEE VOTE: 16-0

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

- Copy to Committee Bill File
- Use Another Report for Minority Report

Rep. John R. Clontz
For the Committee