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TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

SENATE BILL NO. 1147, S.D.1, RELATING TO STATE DISASTER RELIEF.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** this bill, which will clarify the Governor's authority to declare a disaster emergency.

We believe that this bill will allow the State, including the DOT, to more expeditiously respond to disasters. In addition, this bill will give the State more flexibility in the types of response and relief it can provide to the public. Furthermore, the reports required by the State Civil Defense will provide useful information to all concerned and document the extent of the disaster. This will assist us in our efforts to improve our ability to respond to future disasters.

Accordingly, we ask for your favorable consideration of this bill.