

On Tuesday March 28 the following bills advanced to Select File:

**LB 904: Senator Baker's priority bill that would direct an additional \$15 million split evenly between cities and counties for road construction advanced to SELECT FILE (the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of debate) by a vote of 33 ayes, 5 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 2 excused. The money comes from 1/2 cent of the sales tax on motor vehicles which currently goes to the General Fund.**

**PEC Position: SUPPORT**

**LB 1226: Senator Langemeier's priority bill advanced to Select File without Amendment 2723. This is excellent news for the engineering industry as Amendment 2723 removed the requirement that the Director of Natural Resources be a licensed professional engineer. During the General File debate, Senator Kremer withdrew AM 2723 and the bill advanced to Select File.**

**PEC Position: OPPOSED TO AM 2723.**

There are nine days of the legislative session left and the possibility remains that an Amendment altering the qualifications of the Director of Natural Resources could be attached to LB 1226 on Select File. If you have not already done so, please consider sending correspondence to your state senator in opposition to any amendment that would remove the requirement that the Director of Natural Resources be a licensed professional engineer.

Thank you very much for your active participation in the legislative process.