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TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Herewith I return to you Senate Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 1008, entitled:

AN ACT

To amend chapter 226, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to highway infrastructure improvement agreements.

I disapprove of Senate Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 1008. My reasons for disapproval are as follows:

Senate Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 1008 authorizes the State Highways and Transportation Commission to enter into agreements with third parties to finance state road and bridge construction projects. While not the stated purpose of this provision, this could allow a private entity to finance all or a part of such project, and in the agreement set forth that it be constituted as a toll road with tolls to be used to repay such private entity. At this juncture, without a full and fair public debate on this issue, the statutory authorization of toll roads would be inappropriate.

In accordance with the above stated reasons for disapproval, I am returning Senate Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 1008 without my approval.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeremiah W. Nixon", written over a faint, larger signature.

Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon  
Governor