

## **Infrastructure Improvement Act Introduced in Senate**

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Legislation introduced this week in the Senate would commission a government panel to evaluate the nation's infrastructure and recommend action items to congress.

The National Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2006 was introduced March 8 by Sen. George Voinovich (R-OH) and cosponsored by Sens. Tom Carper (D-DE) and Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-NY).

“The tragedy of Hurricane Katrina made painfully clear the dire need for improvements to our aging infrastructure,” said Sen. Voinovich. “The deterioration of our nation’s waterways and infrastructure systems are impacting our economy, the environment, and the welfare of the American people. My legislation gets at the heart of the problem by establishing a commission that will provide concrete recommendations for future infrastructure needs.”

ASCE worked closely with Sen. Voinovich and his staff to draft the legislation. In addition, 25 organizations have endorsed the legislation, supporting its goals of meeting the nation’s infrastructure needs of the future. Visit “This Blog in Washington” at <http://www.asce.org/govrel> and click on the link at the top of the page for more details and to view a copy of the letter.

Visit ASCE’s “Six Clicks” advocacy website at <http://www.asce.org/advocacy.html> to learn more and write a message to your Senators in support of the National Infrastructure Improvement Act.

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