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A group of southern West Virginia Senators is planning an educational tour of their areas of the state.

Senator J. Robert "Bob" Rogers announced Friday that he and three other State Senators are sponsoring the trip, which he calls the "Solid South Express," in order to educate the members of the Senate and their guests.

"This tour is primarily an educational one," said Rogers. "We think that it is very important for our fellow legislators to see, first-hand, the daily problems that face southern West Virginia."

According to Rogers, the trip's main emphasis will be on poor road conditions along with problems of the economy and unemployment.

Co-sponsoring the trip with Rogers are Senators H. Truman Chafin, Lacy Wright and Frederick L. Parker.

Tour guests include 23 members of the West Virginia Senate, Senate President ~~Warren R. McGraw~~, House Speaker ~~Clyde M. See, Jr.~~ and U.S. Congressman Nick Joe Rahall, II. *d.d not make it - d. Ken one*

The "Solid South Express," which will make its tour on Monday, March 14, will make stops in the towns of Madison, Logan, Williamson, Pineville, Welch, Gary, Princeton and Bluefield before making its way back to Charleston.

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Rogers hopes that this trip will be effective in giving a view of the economic plight of the southern part of the state.

"My co-sponsors and I consider it a great compliment that our fellow Senators and guests have agreed to take time out of their busy schedules to go with us," Rogers said. "We hope that in the future they will be more sympathetic to the problems that our people face."

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"The Way the Crow Flies"
 Chas → Madison → Logan → Wmson → Pineville →
 Welch → Princeton = 132 1/2 miles
 @ 55 miles/hr = 2 hr 24 min

The Way the Southerner must drive =
 = ? miles @ "Turtle's Pace"
 = ? hours

Courtesy of Dems for Solid South