

Rep. Lemmons, III, offered the following concurrent resolution:

House Concurrent Resolution No. 13.

A concurrent resolution to urge the Congress of the United States to take every possible action to promote and diversify the automotive and machine tool sectors of our national economy.

Whereas, An increasing number and variety of relevant specialists are warning that the collapse of the national economy could occur if certain stop-gap and long-term actions are not adopted and implemented to forestall the threats to our economy from the problems associated with the automotive and machine tool sectors of our economy. Indeed, the loss of the physical capabilities of the automotive industry, and especially its machine tool sector, could mean the end of America's leadership as a world economic power; and

Whereas, Government has an obligation to promote the economy through the creation of new capital investment, which will result in the expansion of employment opportunities and help jump-start long-term capital investment by private investors. We must ensure the continued viability of our automotive and machine tool industries. The loss of these vital anchors of our economy would be a strategic disaster with incalculable chain-reaction consequences for our nation and the world; and

Whereas, One of the key options is federal capital investment in diversification of the productive potential of the automotive and machine tool industries into a broader mixture of production. Our nation needs to shift into the domain of essential capital goods and economic infrastructure, such as the repair, expansion, and improvement of our national railway systems; maintenance and improvement of water management systems; and the development of other urgently needed infrastructure projects. The result of this will be to save existing manufacturing jobs and create large new areas of employment in infrastructure and manufacturing for our citizenry in a manner comparable to the best of the New Deal programs that rescued the nation and the world from the ravages of the Great Depression; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That we urge the Congress of the United States to take every possible action to promote and diversify the automotive and machine tool sectors of our national economy; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.