

Reps. Taub, Stahl, Vander Veen, Elsenheimer, Palmer, Drolet, Garfield, Baxter, Hoogendyk and Brandenburg offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 112.

A resolution to memorialize the United States Senate to establish the precedent that it will allow votes for all judicial nominees of the President.

Whereas, The United States Senate has the duty to provide advice and consent for the President's judicial nominees. This crucial step serves both as a caution to the President to choose nominees wisely with regard to qualifications and temperament, and a chance to scrutinize these nominees and reject them when appropriate; and

Whereas, It has been an unfortunate trend of recent years, with both parties bearing responsibility, for judicial nominations to be treated as another front in the political wars of Washington, D. C. These bitter and prolonged battles undermine civility and weaken our judicial branch by preventing the full staffing of our courts. Real people suffer hardship when their search for justice in our federal courts is delayed unnecessarily as a result of too few judges scrambling to cover the workload they are assigned; and

Whereas, The United States Senate must rise above the partisan battles to ensure that the institution of the Senate does not transform itself from the world's greatest deliberative body into a political side show. Advice and consent must not degenerate into object and obstruct; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize the United States Senate to establish the precedent that it will allow votes for all judicial nominees of the President; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate and Michigan's United States Senators.