

Rep. Schuitmaker offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 300.

A resolution to oppose the expenditure of public funds to repeat any element of the 2008 Michigan presidential primary.

Whereas, Due to a variety of circumstances involving national Democratic Party rules, there have been public discussions of a possible need to repeat the statewide presidential primary or hold party caucuses in order for Michigan votes to be counted in the national primary process and at that party's nominating convention; and

Whereas, There are a host of problems with the viability of somehow repeating the primary process. A range of suggestions has been proposed, including repeating the primary, holding local caucuses, or developing a mail-in voting procedure. None of these should be paid for with public money. The January primary cost Michigan taxpayers about \$10 million. It has been estimated that a repeat of the Democratic presidential primary could cost as much as \$12 million; and

Whereas, In a cash-strapped state whose citizens are suffering from harsh economic times, to direct more public funds to another primary or any other activity related to this problem would be an affront to the people of this state, regardless of political persuasion. Michigan citizens clearly do not wish to see any further redirection of limited state funds from other pressing state needs; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we oppose the expenditure of public funds to repeat the 2008 Michigan presidential primary; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor of Michigan.