

Senators Brown, Hardiman, Richardville, Pappageorge, Allen, Jansen, Gilbert, Stamas, Kuipers, Van Woerkom, Garcia, McManus, Cropsey, Birkholz, Kahn, Olshove, Basham and Barcia offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 187.

A resolution to urge the Michigan Capitol Committee to recommend that a room be set aside in the Capitol to be used as a chapel available to those of all faiths and denominations.

Whereas, Many other states, including Florida, Indiana, Kentucky, and Louisiana, have designated specific areas in their capitols as chapels or meditation rooms; and

Whereas, The United States Capitol also has a designated prayer room; and

Whereas, The Michigan Capitol Committee was created by 1987 PA 123 to make recommendations to the leadership of the House, the Senate, and the Governor on the maintenance of the Capitol and its grounds. This committee, which is comprised of four members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker, four members of the Senate appointed by the Majority Leader, and four members from the Executive Branch appointed by the Governor, may make recommendations to the Speaker, the Majority Leader, and the Governor regarding the implementation of all permanent physical changes to be made in or on the Capitol. Under the provisions of MCL 4.1702, "Such recommendations shall take effect 15 days after the submission to the governor, senate majority leader and speaker of the house of representatives unless rejected in writing by the governor, senate majority leader or speaker of the house of representatives"; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we urge the Michigan Capitol Committee to recommend to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Senate Majority Leader, and the Governor that a room be set aside in the Capitol to be used as a chapel available to those of all faiths and denominations; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the members of the Michigan Capitol Committee.