

Rep. LeBlanc offered the following concurrent resolution:

House Concurrent Resolution No. 10.

A concurrent resolution to express the intent of the legislature to tie changes in the salaries of executive department directors to the average rate of the changes determined by the State Officers' Compensation Commission for the state's principal elected officials.

Whereas, The financial difficulties facing the people of Michigan have endured for many years. The continuing loss of jobs recently made worse by the development of the credit crisis that has gripped the country has made it clear that significant changes must take place in government; and

Whereas, Pursuant to Article IV, Section 12 of the Michigan Constitution and 1968 PA 357, the State Officers' Compensation Commission (SOCC) sets the salary and expense allowance levels for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, members of the Legislature, and Justices of the Michigan Supreme Court. The Governor, in her 2009 State of the State address, has called upon the SOCC to reduce the salary levels of most of these officers by 10 percent. House Concurrent Resolution No. 3, which was adopted by a 108 to 1 margin by the House, makes a similar request to the SOCC; and

Whereas, The move to establish salary levels for state leaders that more appropriately reflect the realities facing many in the private sector should also be extended to the nonelected executive department heads of state government. In addition to the actual benefits to the state budget, implementing such a policy through the appropriations process will also be reassuring to the taxpayers as a recognition of the challenges facing so many of our families; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That it is the intent of the legislature to tie changes in the salaries of executive department directors to the average rate of the changes determined by the State Officers' Compensation Commission for the state's principal elected officials; and be it further

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