

Reps. Clemente, Ball, Barnett, Bauer, Bennett, Terry Brown, Constan, Dean, Durhal, Gonzales, Griffin, Haase, Hammel, Hansen, Haugh, Robert Jones, Knollenberg, Lahti, LeBlanc, Leland, Lemmons, Liss, Marleau, McDowell, Miller, Polidori, Rogers, Roy Schmidt, Schuitmaker, Sheltrown, Smith, Spade, Valentine, Warren and Womack offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 9.

A resolution to memorialize the President of the United States and the United States Congress to ensure that businesses located in the United States and their employees be the primary beneficiaries of the planned economic relief legislation to stimulate the economy and create jobs.

Whereas, The stated goal of the proposed economic stimulus package is to stimulate the United States economy and create American jobs. It is critically important to job creation that federal and state buy-American and domestic content requirements be observed in utilizing public funds for investment in our nation's aging infrastructure. This is especially important in Michigan, where manufacturing is the key driver in the state economy; and

Whereas, Michigan has made the contracting of Michigan and United States vendors and suppliers a priority. This has been the focus of state statutes, the most recently adopted budget, and Executive Directives; and

Whereas, Leaders of the National Governors Association (NGA) and the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) have called on the new administration and Congress to take early action on our severely weakened economy, which is mired in what is estimated to be the most serious economic downturn in at least the last 30 years. This downturn is causing high unemployment and accompanying painful financial hardship for American workers and their families, including working families in Michigan, where the unemployment rate is escalating; and

Whereas, Congress is drafting economic recovery legislation for the President's signature with a strong sense of urgency. This "economic stimulus" legislation is expected to channel billions of dollars in state block grants to help economically stressed states take immediate action to initiate significant job creation through massive public works investments. These include rebuilding our nation's aging infrastructure, including, roads, bridges, and guardrails and accompanying utility poles, rest areas, maintenance buildings, and highway bridges. It also includes rail and air transportation networks, electrical grid expansion, water and sewerage improvements, environmentally friendly nonresidential renovation, and new construction of state-of-the-art schools, hospitals, and other vital infrastructure needs; and

Whereas, Modernizing and upgrading Michigan's statewide infrastructure system will improve the overall quality of life for all Michigan families, and create significant new job opportunities and economic growth. Moreover, it will also help revitalize and advance Michigan's critically important manufacturing sector; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we hereby memorialize the President of the United States and the United States Congress to ensure that businesses in the United States and their employees be the primary beneficiaries of the planned economic relief legislation to stimulate the economy and create jobs; and be it further

Resolved, That the President and members of the United States Congress are urged to discourage outsourcing of manufacturing and purchasing to the detriment of American suppliers, including suppliers located in Michigan, servicing those industries and businesses that receive public sector financial assistance; and be it further

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