

Reps. Kennedy, Lindberg, Liss, Ball, Bauer, Terry Brown, Byrnes, Clemente, Constan, Cushingberry, Dillon, Durhal, Geiss, Gonzales, Hansen, Haugh, Rick Jones, Lahti, Leland, Lipton, Lori, Marleau, Meadows, Melton, Miller, Polidori, Roberts, Rocca, Schuitmaker, Sheltroun, Simpson, Spade, Switalski, Valentine and Warren offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 41.

A resolution to urge the state of Michigan to ensure that the economic stimulus funding in Michigan be spent on American-made materials to the greatest extent possible.

Whereas, The economic downturn is having a critical impact on everyday Americans who are struggling to maintain or find jobs in an increasingly difficult environment. Those same Americans are the taxpayers that provide the revenue needed to operate essential government services; and

Whereas, Congress approved and President Obama signed into law a taxpayer-sponsored economic recovery package that will provide billions of dollars to help economically devastated cities and states immediately provide jobs to millions of out-of-work Americans through considerable infrastructure rebuilding, green energy projects, and other initiatives that will require manufactured components. It is critical that these taxpayer dollars should be spent to maximize the creation of American jobs and restoring the economic vitality of our communities; and

Whereas, Any economic recovery plan spending should -- to every extent possible -- include a commitment to buy materials, goods, and services that are produced in the United States, thus employing the very workers that pay the taxes for the economic plan spending in the first place. Any domestically produced products that are purchased with economic recovery plan monies will immediately help struggling American families and will help stabilize our economy; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we hereby urge the state of Michigan to ensure that the economic stimulus funding in Michigan be spent on American-made materials to the greatest extent possible, to give American workers and producers the opportunity to help maximize the success of our nation's economic recovery program; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the State of Michigan and the State Budget Director.