

Reps. Cushingberry, Amash, Dean, Durhal, Gonzales, Gregory, Robert Jones, Lahti, Leland and Roy Schmidt offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 62.

A resolution to memorialize the United States Congress to repeal the federal Controlled Substances Act and allow all scheduled drugs to be regulated at the state level.

Whereas, The Controlled Substances Act (CSA) of 1970, upon which all federal drug laws are based, is a failure. Nearly 40 years after the CSA was passed, there are 400,000 people in prison for nonviolent drug crimes. Nearly a trillion dollars have been spent on enforcement, both in the U.S. and through aggressive interdiction efforts overseas. Many urban areas, such as Detroit, Los Angeles, and Chicago, can resemble war zones as violence is bred by illegal drug trafficking. Yet, illicit drugs like cocaine and marijuana are as cheap and abundant as they were in 1970. The street price of both drugs has actually dropped since the government began keeping track in the early 1980s; and

Whereas, The failure of the CSA is evidenced by its treatment of medical marijuana. People with chronic illnesses and the doctors that treat them know that marijuana can ameliorate a patient's fatigue, restore appetite, diminish pain, remedy nausea, cure vomiting and curtail weight loss. People suffering with multiple sclerosis, Crohn's disease, migraine headaches, severe nausea and vomiting, convulsive disorders, and the AIDS wasting syndrome find that marijuana is more effective, less toxic, and less expensive than conventional medicines. Yet, federal SWAT teams storm medical marijuana clinics and make patients feel like criminals. In California, the federal government prevented a dying woman from possessing medical marijuana, solely for her own use, to treat the symptoms of her illnesses, even though the voters of California had determined that she should be left alone; and

Whereas, The federal CSA is unconstitutional. The tenth amendment of the Constitution asserts that powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people. There is no mention of drugs in the Constitution. Each state should have the ability to prohibit, or allow, drug use according to state drug laws and the wishes of its population; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize the United States Congress to repeal the federal Controlled Substances Act and allow all scheduled drugs to be regulated at the state level; and be it further

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