

Senator McManus offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 89.

A resolution to memorialize Congress to require that 2010 census forms include a question on citizenship.

Whereas, Article I, Section 2 of the United States Constitution requires that a census be conducted every 10 years; and

Whereas, The census is used to apportion seats in the United State House of Representatives, determine electoral votes for each state, redraw state legislative districts, and allocate government program funding; and

Whereas, In fiscal year 2000, the Government Accounting Office found that 85 percent of federal government obligations in grants to state and local governments were distributed on the basis of formulas that use data such as population and income. Federal programs that are distributed on the basis of population include, but are not limited to, Social Services Block Grant, Workforce Development, Community Development Block Grants, Medicaid, foster care, Adoption Assistance, roads and transportation grants, and others; and

Whereas, The census figures are based on actual counts of persons living in the United States, including citizens, noncitizen legal residents, noncitizen long-term visitors, and illegal immigrants; and

Whereas, The census questionnaires have evolved over time to include much more information about the population of the United States; and

Whereas, It is imperative to know how many residents are citizens and legal residents of the United States; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we memorialize Congress to require that 2010 census forms include a question on citizenship; 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.