Senators Schuitmaker and Nofs offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 112.

A resolution to memorialize Congress to oppose the Mobile Informational Call Act of 2011.

Whereas, The Mobile Informational Call Act of 2011 has been introduced in Congress as H.R. 3035. The intent of this bill is to undo the privacy protections currently found in the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (47 U.S.C. § 227), which restricts informational calls to cellular telephones without the owner's approval. Under H.R. 3035, businesses would be allowed to make prerecorded informational calls to cellular telephones without consent; and

Whereas, Reducing the restrictions currently in place would dramatically increase the calls cell phone users receive from telemarketers. Because cell phones are carried at work, school, and in social situations, telemarketers would have license to interrupt all sorts of business and personal situations. Individuals tend to be more accessible by cell phone, and it is common practice for cell phone users to answer rather than screen calls. Therefore, the number of unwanted solicitous calls intruding on daily activities will increase. Additionally, cell phone contracts often restrict minutes available to the consumer each month. Unwanted telemarketer calls will increase consumer costs when more minutes are used than allowed; and

Whereas, The Telephone Consumer Protection Act was passed by Congress to ensure privacy. The popularity and tremendous growth of a new technology does not warrant a reduction in consumer protection. Cell phone users are more accessible, but only to those people to whom they choose to be more accessible; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we memorialize Congress to oppose the Mobile Informational Call Act of 2011; 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.