

Rep. McMillin offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 205.

A resolution to urge the Congress of the United States and the U.S. Attorney General to prosecute Director of National Intelligence James Clapper for lying to Congress about the National Security Agency's collection of data on U.S. citizens.

Whereas, On March 12, Director of National Intelligence James Clapper lied to Congress while under oath. In response to a direct question from the Senate Intelligence Committee about whether the National Security Agency (NSA) collected "any type of data at all on millions or hundreds of millions of Americans," Director Clapper responded, "no," or at least "not wittingly." Since then, security leaks have revealed that the NSA gathers information on phone calls made by roughly 150 million U.S. citizens; and

Whereas, Our nation was founded and has thrived by maintaining a system of checks and balances that help prevent abuses of power and retain public confidence in our government. The ability of Congress to oversee the executive branch's implementation of our nation's laws is one of the fundamental checks in our democratic system; and

Whereas, Effective congressional and public oversight cannot occur if the information presented to Congress cannot be trusted. This trust is particularly important in the realm of national security where Congress, by necessity, must accept many things simply based on the word of our intelligence officials. Lying under oath should not be tolerated and allowed to go unpunished; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the Congress of the United States and the U.S. Attorney General to prosecute Director of National Intelligence James Clapper for lying to Congress about the National Security Agency's collection of data on U.S. citizens; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Attorney General 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.