

Rep. Love offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 170.**

A resolution to memorialize the Congress of the United States to enact legislation to ban crude oil shipments on the Great Lakes and call for a comprehensive review of Great Lakes pipelines and spill response times.

Whereas, The Great Lakes are the world's largest system of fresh surface water and an oil spill would have disastrous consequences for the environment and economy in Michigan. The Great Lakes, particularly the Straits of Mackinac, are especially vulnerable to a devastating oil spill because of the challenges of responding to spills in fresh water or under heavy ice. Current methods of spill response and cleanup may not be effective if a major spill were to occur in the Great Lakes; and

Whereas, All levels of government should play a role in ensuring that the transportation of crude oil and other hazardous liquids do not jeopardize the Great Lakes and endanger public health. The federal government currently has a leading role in oil pipeline safety and spill response. In order to protect the Great Lakes from an environmental and economic disaster, Congress should strengthen existing laws and regulations by enacting legislation, such as the Pipeline Improvement and Preventing Spills Act of 2015 (S.2080), which will reduce the odds of a major spill and provide a framework for the most effective response if a spill does occur; and

Whereas, To prevent oil spills in the Great Lakes and improve our ability to respond to them, federal legislation needs to address a number of issues. Congress should ban the dangerous shipment of crude oil by tanker vessels in the Great Lakes and should institute a comprehensive review of Great Lakes pipelines. Analysis is needed to better understand the risks associated with pipelines in the Great Lakes region and to craft more comprehensive spill response plans which are specifically suited for the conditions present in the Great Lakes; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to enact legislation to ban crude oil shipments on the Great Lakes and call for a comprehensive review of Great Lakes pipelines and spill response times; 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.