

Senator Casperson offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 57.

A resolution to call on the United States Army Corps of Engineers and the Michigan State Waterways Commission to promptly review and provide assistance to repair damage and prevent future flooding along Lakeshore Boulevard in Marquette, Michigan.

Whereas, Winter storms and flooding have extensively damaged Lakeshore Boulevard and its protecting structures in Marquette, Michigan. Bordering the federal harbor-of-refuge, the revetment along the entire stretch has been undermined and destroyed, with many breaches. The failure of this shore protection has led to erosion and fissures in the surface pavement, creating hazards to public safety; and

Whereas, The damage and consequent hazard to public safety have forced the closure of Lakeshore Boulevard since September 2014. This continuing closure has created a severe hardship for businesses and, consequently, the local economy because local customers and tourists cannot use the boulevard to reach shops; and

Whereas, The city of Marquette needs emergency assistance to repair and improve the shoreline structures protecting Lakeshore Boulevard and to prevent future damage to the roadway from winter storm surges and flooding. The potential \$8 million needed for the road and shore protection are beyond the city's ability to manage; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we call on the United States Army Corps of Engineers and the Michigan State Waterways Commission to promptly review and provide assistance to repair damage and prevent future flooding along Lakeshore Boulevard in Marquette, Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief of Engineers of the United States Army Corps of Engineers, the commissioners of the Michigan State Waterways Commission, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.