

Rep. Hoitenga offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 386.

A resolution to urge the Congress of the United States to grant additional authority to the Federal Communications Commission allowing it to stop unwanted robocalls and "call spoofing" and to urge the Federal Communications Commission to educate the public on how to report illegal telephone calls.

Whereas, Receipt of unwanted telephone calls is the most frequent complaint received by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) from consumers nationwide. Unwanted calls include automated telemarketing or solicitation calls that deliver a recorded message (also known as robocalls); and

Whereas, Recently, these robocalls have been combined with a process called "spoofing" in which the call appears to originate from a local, often legitimate, number to trick consumers into answering the call. As technology continues to evolve, the number of robocalls and spoofing continues to grow; and

Whereas, Under the federal Truth in Caller ID Act, individuals are prohibited from transmitting misleading or inaccurate caller ID information with the intent to defraud, cause harm, or wrongly obtain anything of value. Although the FCC has initiated new policy initiatives to combat illegal robocalls and ID spoofing, more needs to be done; and

Whereas, Congress should pass legislation to provide the FCC with the tools and resources it needs to combat illegal and disruptive robocalls; and

Whereas, The FCC encourages consumers to file a complaint when an illegal call is received. Although the FCC uses social media and the internet to reach consumers, the FCC should use all means available to provide consumers with information needed to file a complaint; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the Congress of the United States to grant additional authority to the Federal Communications Commission allowing it to stop unwanted robocalls and "call spoofing"; and be it further

Resolved, That we urge the Federal Communications Commission to educate the public on how to report illegal telephone calls; 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, the members of the Michigan congressional delegation, and the chairman and commissioners of the Federal Communications Commission.