

Reps. Nofs, Wenke, Baxter, Mortimer, Acciavatti, Elsenheimer, Farhat, Garfield, Hansen, Huizenga, Hummel, Jones, LaJoy, Lemmons, III, Lemmons, Jr., Meyer, Murphy, Newell, Palmer, Palsrok, Pavlov, Proos, Robertson, Schuitmaker, Sheen, Stewart, Taub, Vander Veen and Walker offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 13.

A resolution to urge the Governor to review all existing and future mandates, so that they are carefully scrutinized for effectiveness and their impact on Michigan's competitiveness in a global economy.

Whereas, As almost every other state in the country is experiencing an economic recovery, Michigan continues to struggle with job losses and serious budget shortfalls. Michigan's jobless rate of 7.3 percent, among the three worst in the country, remains significantly above the December 2004 national figure of 5.4 percent; and

Whereas, The overall impact of the enormous job losses facing our state, especially in manufacturing, touches every citizen of the state in some way. The state's economic problems are keenly felt in our schools, in local government services, in health care, and in public safety responsibilities; and

Whereas, A longstanding concern in the business community is the harmful impact that excessive governmental mandates have on the creation of new jobs and the retention of existing employment. It is imperative that the burdens of nonessential regulatory requirements in areas such as insurance, environmental protection, and financial record keeping be brought to a minimum. Clearly, new mandates will only make Michigan's economic situation even worse and will jeopardize our state's future; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the Governor to review all existing and future mandates, so that they are carefully scrutinized for effectiveness and their impact on Michigan's competitiveness in a global economy; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Office of the Governor.