

Rep. Hopgood offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 88.

A resolution to memorialize Congress to enact the passenger bill of rights act.

Whereas, February snowstorms caused delays and cancellations at numerous airports across the country. Airline companies, not prepared to deal with the cancellations, stranded several planes full of passengers, with at least one company holding passengers for more than eight hours on the runway at one airport. Hundreds of passengers sat for hours in unheated planes with no food or water and lack of clean toilet facilities; and

Whereas, Passengers who purchase an airline ticket agree to that airline's conditions of carriage, a contract between the airline and customer to which the customer has no input. Airline passengers are expected to accept delays, cancellations, and involuntary bumping with little or no compensation; and

Whereas, Congress has before it a bill that would provide airline passengers with certain rights in the event of a delay or cancellation of a flight. Senate Bill 678 would require airline companies to provide passengers with adequate food and potable water as well as adequate restroom facilities. Passengers held on an airplane for more than three hours would be given the right to deplane; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize Congress to enact the passenger bill of rights act; 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.