

Rep. Horn offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 220.

A resolution to call upon the Governor and the appropriations committees of the House and Senate to ensure that the budget for the 2007-2008 fiscal year does not exceed 98 percent of the budget for the 2006-2007 fiscal year.

Whereas, Michigan remains in the grip of serious financial difficulties. Our state has experienced more than its share of job losses, and our citizens are faced with many uncertainties as they cope with rising costs, eroding benefits, and the possibility of further restructuring in many segments of our economy; and

Whereas, With the length and severity of the upheaval in the state's finances, it is clear that there are many factors that have contributed to the budget shortfalls that continue to haunt Michigan. Although there are many sources for our economic difficulties, including forces that originate far beyond our borders, there are major steps that can be taken to address our state's problems; and

Whereas, As the budget process reaches its most critical stages, it is essential that the severity of the problems facing our citizens remain paramount. The spending of public dollars must reflect the realities of revenues that have not grown and seem unlikely to do so in the foreseeable future; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we call upon the Governor and the appropriations committees of the House and Senate to ensure that the budget for the 2007-2008 fiscal year does not exceed 98 percent of the budget for the 2006-2007 fiscal year; and be it further

Resolved, That we urge the Governor and the appropriations committees of the House and Senate to ensure that for every dollar cut from services provided directly to Michigan residents, one dollar is cut from the administrative costs.