

Senators McManus, Cropsey, Cassis, Jelinek, Kahn, Garcia, Gilbert, Allen, Van Woerkom, Kuipers, Birkholz, Jansen, Hardiman, Sanborn, Patterson and Pappageorge offered the following concurrent resolution:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 23.

A concurrent resolution to disapprove Executive Order No. 2009-45, setting forth changes in the organization of the executive branch.

Whereas, Article 5, Section 2 of the Constitution of the state of Michigan provides that the Governor may make changes in the organization of the executive branch or in the assignment of functions within the executive units. Where these changes require the force of law, they must be set forth in executive orders that are submitted to the Legislature. The Legislature shall have 60 calendar days of a regular session to disapprove each executive order by a resolution concurred in by a majority of the members elected and serving in each house of the Legislature; and

Whereas, Governor Granholm has issued an executive order proposing the reorganization of the executive branch through the creation of the Department of Natural Resources and Environment; the abolishment of the Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Natural Resources; and the reorganization of responsibilities among the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Energy, Labor, and Economic Growth, and the Department of Treasury. Executive Order No. 2009-45 was signed on October 8, 2009; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That we hereby disapprove Executive Order No. 2009-45, issued October 8, 2009, and proposing the reorganization of the executive branch of government through the creation of the Department of Natural Resources and Environment; the abolishment of the Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Natural Resources; and the reorganization of responsibilities among the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Energy, Labor, and Economic Growth, and the Department of Treasury; and be it further

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