

Reps. Miller, Terry Brown, Constan, Dean, Gonzales, Hammel, Haugh, Robert Jones, LeBlanc, Leland, Lemmons, McDowell, Neumann, Polidori, Roy Schmidt, Segal, Sheltroun, Spade, Stanley, Warren, Mayes, Melton, Meltzer, Rocca, Slavens, Lisa Brown, Durhal, Geiss, Haase, Huckleberry, Liss, Meadows and Cushingberry offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 32.

A resolution to urge the President of the United States to renegotiate the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

Whereas, Promises made during the debate about NAFTA have not materialized. Wages have not increased in Mexico and United States businesses and workers have been harmed. Since the implementation of NAFTA in 1994, the country, and especially Michigan, has seen massive job loss.

Whereas, Many persons across the country believe a renegotiation of NAFTA is necessary to safeguard national sovereignty and promote democratic rights. Specifically, the new agreement should eliminate the right of foreign investors to sue governments over policy measures enacted in the public interest. Existing NAFTA provisions favor the rights of foreign investors over the democratic rights of Americans; and

Whereas, The new agreement must protect family and small scale subsistence farms by permitting tariffs that offset subsidies on imported agricultural commodities. Also, provisions that discourage food safety laws and protection of the environment and natural resources must be repealed; and

Whereas, Provisions that fully safeguard workers' rights in all countries should be enacted, and major development assistance should be provided to poorer regions to reduce inequalities and thereby reduce the incentive for workers to relocate to other countries out of desperate economic need; and

Whereas, A complete study and review of the impact of NAFTA should be conducted. A new impartial and transparent mechanism should be developed for settling disputes. Moreover, the Security and Prosperity Partnership is a threat to national sovereignty and should be terminated immediately; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the President of the United States to renegotiate the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA); and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Office of the President of the United States.