

Rep. Law offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 114.

A resolution to express opposition to a proposal to construct a bridge between Meso Island and Sugar Island in the Detroit River.

Whereas, The Sugar Island Regional Transportation Agency has announced a proposal to construct a bridge to connect Sugar Island with Meso Island. The islands, which are in the Detroit River, are part of Grosse Ile Township; and

Whereas, The United States Coast Guard, which issues necessary bridge permits on the basis of navigational, environmental, and other considerations, has asked for comments on the proposal at this point as part of its informational gathering; and

Whereas, The navigational clearance proposed does not provide for the reasonable needs of existing and prospective navigation through the waterway. The height of 25 feet does not provide adequate clearance for many sail boats, motor boats, and commercial dredging barges passing between Sugar Island and Meso Island; and

Whereas, The disruptive degradation to the environment is of great concern to local residents. A proactive approach to safeguarding the environmental surroundings of Sugar Island and Meso Islands and along the Detroit River is important to the recreational economy of the Downriver region; and

Whereas, Concerns for the public safety of recreational users of the waterway surround this project. In addition, the proposed fixed bridge is too steep a rise for motorists to safely travel over, especially during inclement weather; now, therefore be it

Resolved by the House, That we express opposition to the proposal to construct a bridge between Meso Island and Sugar Island in the Detroit River as presented by the United States Coast Guard in the Public Notice 09-02/03; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Office of Commander in the Ninth Coast Guard District in Cleveland, the Sugar Island Regional Transportation Agency, and the Grosse Ile Township Board of Trustees.