

Rep. Pettalia offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 48.**

A resolution to call for Michigan laborers and manufactured materials to be used in the design and construction of the New International Trade Crossing.

Whereas, As Michigan's economy continues to grow stronger, construction of the New International Trade Crossing is crucial to our state's continued recovery and economic stability. The state should continue to support the construction of this bridge to bolster trade and provide much needed jobs; and

Whereas, Michigan laborers should be utilized in the design and construction phases of the project. By many estimates, the bridge construction has the potential to put 10,000 Michiganders to work over its duration. This is more than any other single endeavor, public or private, in the state. It would help to lower Michigan's unemployment rate, one key to our economic recovery; and

Whereas, The New International Trade Crossing construction should use Michigan and American manufactured materials. Excellent Michigan-made cement, concrete, aggregates, and other materials are essential ingredients for success in the construction of the bridge. Furthermore, any bridge project involving the United States should use American-made steel; and,

Whereas, Michigan employers and manufacturers have contributed to the state's economic resurgence by their investment in the people and products of Michigan. Their commitment should be encouraged and rewarded with the utilization of those products and people. This will cement our pathway to a sustainable economic future for Michigan; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we call for Michigan laborers and manufactured materials to be used in the design and construction of the New International Trade Crossing; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Director of the Michigan Department of Transportation, and the Board of Directors of the Michigan Strategic Fund.