

SR223, As Adopted by Senate, December 15, 2016

Senators Bieda, Ananich, Young, Hopgood, Gregory, Johnson, Warren, Knezek, Conyers and Hertel offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 223.

A resolution to encourage the U.S. Congress to support an investigation into Russia's computer hacking and influence in the United States presidential election.

Whereas, The United States government is built on the right of citizens to choose their leaders in free and fair elections. The right to vote and have a voice is an undeniable and inalienable right for every United States citizen; and

Whereas, Election tampering, including the deliberate release of illegally obtained materials, unduly influences voters and the information available to the free press. While cyberattacks directed at America's physical, economic, and military infrastructure are not new, interference in our election process should cause concern for every American. With a bipartisan call for an investigation underway, even U.S. Senator John McCain, R-Arizona, has said, "You can't make this issue partisan; it's just too important. A fundamental of a democracy is a free and fair election"; and

Whereas, The United States government must take every action to stop foreign powers from improperly influencing or controlling our government. In Federalist Number 68, Alexander Hamilton warned of the "...desire in foreign powers to gain an improper ascendant in our councils." Therefore, the grave threats posed by cyberattacks conducted by foreign governments must be stopped; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we encourage the U.S. Congress to support an investigation into Russia's computer hacking and influence in the United States presidential election; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.