

SENATE RESOLUTION NO.5

Senators McMorrow, Chang, Moss, Hertel, Ananich, Polehanki, Geiss, Bayer, Brinks, McCann, Irwin, Hollier, Wojno, Alexander, Santana and Bullock offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to urge the Congress and President of the United
2 States to end the partial federal government shutdown.

3 Whereas, The President and Congress failed to agree on
4 sufficient appropriations for Fiscal Year 2019 beyond December 21,
5 2018, leading to a partial federal government shutdown beginning on
6 December 22, 2018; and

7 Whereas, Almost 400,000 federal employees have been furloughed
8 as a result of the shutdown, while more than 400,000 others are
9 working without pay. In Michigan, more than 5,200 federal workers
10 are currently furloughed or working without pay. Missed paychecks
11 and uncertainty about when the next one will come place an enormous

1 strain on federal employees who we count on to provide important
2 services and administer critical programs. Creating financial
3 insecurity for these public servants is deeply unfair and harms our
4 state and national interest; and

5 Whereas, With a limited number of federal employees authorized
6 to work during the shutdown, many important programs, public
7 services, and offices are closed or working at diminished capacity.
8 The shutdown has already impacted park maintenance, food safety
9 inspections, air travel, small business loans, federal correctional
10 facilities, museums, research, and a host of other functions. If
11 the shutdown continues, assistance programs, tax return processing,
12 housing programs, and court operations will be impacted; and

13 Whereas, The health of the entire economy is threatened by an
14 extended shutdown. The ongoing government shutdown has cost the
15 economy \$3.6 billion. For each additional week where the government
16 remains shut down, experts say that it could cost the U.S. economy
17 \$1.2 billion of real gross domestic product; and

18 Whereas; Reaching agreement to resolve the budget impasse is
19 essential for the safety and well-being of federal employees in
20 Michigan and the people of the entire country. The current
21 shutdown, already the longest in American history, must be ended
22 before its impacts become even more severe; now, therefore, be it

23 Resolved by the Senate, That we urge the Congress and
24 President of the United States to end the partial federal
25 government shutdown; and be it further

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