

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 33

Reps. Carra, Borton, Posthumus, Eisen, Martin, Beeler, Fink, Outman, Marino, Reilly, Steven Johnson and Meerman offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to support the Senate's disapproval of
2 gubernatorial appointments and encourage the Senate to continue to
3 reject appointments by the Governor to state boards, commissions,
4 and agencies so long as the executive branch continues to operate
5 unilaterally without the participation of the Legislature.

6 Whereas, In response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Governor
7 Gretchen Whitmer and the Michigan Department of Health and Human
8 Services (MDHHS) have taken unilateral action to shut down the
9 economy. These unilateral actions, which have affected every
10 Michigander, have forced businesses to close, workers to lose their
11 jobs, and children to be out of school and sports; and

1 Whereas, The Legislature has not been given a reasonable
2 opportunity to have input into major portions of the state's
3 response to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The elected members of the
4 Legislature are the voices of their constituents in the Capitol. By
5 denying the Legislature a voice in the process, the Governor and
6 MDHHS have denied the people of Michigan their voice; and

7 Whereas, The Senate has been compelled to demonstrate the
8 Legislature's role as a co-equal branch of state government and use
9 the tools given to it by the state constitution and statute to
10 reject appointments by the Governor to state boards, commissions,
11 and agencies. The authority to advise and consent on gubernatorial
12 appointments is an important check on the power of the executive
13 branch; now, therefore, be it

14 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we support the
15 Senate's disapproval of gubernatorial appointments and encourage
16 the Senate to continue to use its authority to reject appointments
17 by the Governor to state boards, commissions, and agencies so long
18 as the Governor, the Michigan Department of Health and Human
19 Services, and other state departments continue to operate
20 unilaterally without the participation of the Legislature in
21 restricting the Michigan economy, sporting events, and other
22 aspects of life in our state; and be it further

23 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
24 Senate, Governor, and Michigan Department of Health and Human
25 Services.