

Rep. McMillin offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 277.

A resolution to urge the Governor to expedite Michigan's withdrawal from the Midwestern Greenhouse Gas Reduction Accord.

Whereas, Signatory states in the Midwestern Greenhouse Gas Reduction Accord agree to establish greenhouse gas reduction targets and timeframes. Reducing greenhouse gas emissions generally requires putting limits on carbon dioxide, which is produced from most energy production and industrial processes. Carbon dioxide cap-and-trade policies appear to be the favored approach for the Midwestern Greenhouse Gas Reduction Accord; and

Whereas, There has been no credible economic analysis of the costs associated with carbon dioxide reduction mandates and the consequential effect of the increasing costs of doing business in the state of Michigan; and

Whereas, Forcing business, industry, and food producers to reduce carbon dioxide emissions through government mandates and cap-and-trade policies under consideration for the Midwestern Greenhouse Gas Reduction Accord will increase the cost of doing business, push companies to do business with other states or nations, and increase consumer costs for electricity, fuel, and food; and

Whereas, The Congressional Budget Office warns that the cost of cap-and-trade policies will be borne by consumers and will place a disproportionately high burden on poorer families; and

Whereas, Simply reducing carbon dioxide emissions in the state of Michigan will not have a significant impact on global greenhouse gas reduction, especially while countries like China, Russia, Mexico, and India emit an ever-increasing amount of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere; and

Whereas, A tremendous amount of economic growth would be sacrificed for a reduction in carbon dioxide emissions that would have no appreciable impact on global concentrations of the gas; and

Whereas, No state or nation has enhanced economic opportunities for its citizens or increased gross domestic product through cap-and-trade or other carbon dioxide reduction policies; and

Whereas, Europe's cap and trade system has been undermined by political favoritism and accounting tricks and has failed to achieve its carbon dioxide reduction targets; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the Governor to expedite Michigan's withdrawal from the Midwestern Greenhouse Gas Reduction Accord; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor of Michigan.