

Rep. Reilly offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 131.

A resolution to support President Donald J. Trump's decision to withdraw the United States from the Paris Climate Agreement.

Whereas, President Obama signed the Paris Climate Agreement, an international treaty, without ratification by the United States Senate in 2016. The agreement committed the United States to donating billions of dollars to foreign nations and to imposing crippling economic restrictions at home, ostensibly to alleviate global climate change. Making this commitment to foreign nations without proper ratification has led to conflict between the United States and rest of the world over the nature of our obligation to carry out the conditions of the agreement; and

Whereas, The agreement lacks an enforcement mechanism to ensure donor nations' money would be used to achieve the agreement's goals. The agreement may, in effect, be little more than a slush fund to the recipient third-world nations and minimally helpful to efforts to curb carbon dioxide emissions; and

Whereas, Complying with the terms of the agreement would unreasonably burden the American economy by mandating inefficient energy generation, causing wholesale job loss in certain energy sectors while driving up energy costs; and

Whereas, The Paris Climate Agreement places the greatest burden on the American people and benefits competing nations, especially China and India, while allowing those other nations to maintain and even expand their carbon footprints without repercussions; and

Whereas, The degree to which human activity affects global temperatures is a matter of scientific controversy. Meeting the objectives of the treaty may therefore be trivial or impossible; and

Whereas, President Trump announced his intention to withdraw the United States from the Paris Climate Agreement on June 1, 2017, asserting the United States' sovereignty and informing the international community that the United States has no obligation to enforce any aspect of the Paris Climate Agreement absent ratification by the Senate; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we support President Donald J. Trump's decision to withdraw the United States from the Paris Climate Agreement; and be it further

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