

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 214

Rep. Hall offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to urge the United States Senate to immediately
2 pass a clean continuing resolution to reopen the federal
3 government.

4 Whereas, The federal government shutdown has now stretched
5 beyond 35 days, bringing hardship to millions of Michiganders and
6 marking the longest shutdown in United States history; and

7 Whereas, While Michigan families are tightening their belts,
8 Senate Democrats in Washington are tightening their grip on
9 gridlock. The government shutdown, now dragging into its second
10 month, isn't just a headline. It's a punch in the gut to every
11 Michigan worker, every small business owner, and every military
12 family wondering if their next paycheck will come; and

13 Whereas, The shutdown poses disruptions to critical services
14 such as food assistance programs, impediments to public safety in

1 our airports, and administrative delays with Medicare, Social
2 Security, and Veterans Affairs benefits; and

3 Whereas, Despite these serious and growing consequences,
4 Michigan Senators Gary Peters and Elissa Slotkin and Senate
5 Minority Leader Chuck Schumer have failed 14 times to approve a
6 clean continuing resolution that would reopen the government and
7 protect families from further harm. United States Senate rules
8 require a three-fifths supermajority vote to invoke cloture,
9 allowing the chamber to hold a vote on the continuing resolution.
10 To date, the requisite number of Senate Democrats have refused to
11 vote in favor of this motion. The continued inaction of Senate
12 Democrat leadership has unnecessarily prolonged this government
13 shutdown; and

14 Whereas, The Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget
15 estimates that the counterproposal authored by Democrats to end the
16 shutdown for one month in exchange for various policy changes would
17 add 1,500,000,000,000 dollars to the national debt over the next
18 decade. This list of demands includes healthcare subsidies for
19 illegal immigrants and certain non-U.S. citizens, allowing able-
20 bodied adults without dependents to receive Medicaid benefits
21 without seeking a job or enrolling in school, and permanently
22 extending COVID-19-era tax credits that are propping up a failing
23 healthcare system that is desperately in need of reform; and

24 Whereas, While the people of Michigan expect cooperation and
25 problem-solving from their elected officials, partisan
26 grandstanding in Washington has replaced leadership with political
27 theater; and

28 Whereas, The Michigan Legislature has demonstrated that, even
29 with divided government, it is possible to reach agreement on

1 balanced, responsible budgets that serve the people first, proof
2 that principled compromise and effective governance are achievable
3 when leaders put citizens ahead of radical party politics; and

4 Whereas, When Minority Leader Chuck Schumer said, "Every day
5 gets better for us," he clearly wasn't talking about the people of
6 Michigan. Every additional day the federal government remains shut
7 down means more missed paychecks, delayed benefits, and uncertainty
8 for families, farmers, service members, and small businesses across
9 Michigan and the nation; now, therefore, be it

10 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the
11 United States Senate to take immediate bipartisan action to pass a
12 clean continuing resolution to reopen the federal government,
13 restore stability to Michigan families, and put an end to this
14 unnecessary hardship; and be it further

15 Resolved, That, to end the government shutdown and alleviate
16 the pain being felt across our state and our nation, we urge the
17 United States Senate to pursue any and all available pathways to
18 immediately initiate a vote on a clean continuing resolution; and
19 be it further

20 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
21 Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States Senate and
22 United States Senators Gary Peters and Elissa Slotkin.