

Rep. McCready offered the following concurrent resolution:

House Concurrent Resolution No. 28.

A concurrent resolution to urge the President and Congress of the United States to comply with the Refugee Resettlement Act of 1980 and to halt further refugee placements until the Federal government is able to comply with appropriate screening and security checks, and consult with local governments in future placements.

Whereas, County governments, county executives, and multiple layers of local government bear the responsibility of protecting the safety, security, and health of all residents; and

Whereas, The Federal Refugee Resettlement Act of 1980 mandates that the Office of Refugee Resettlement consult with state and local governments on a no less than quarterly basis regarding refugee resettlement efforts in their local communities. Under the Act, required meetings were established to address state and local concerns and to consider state and local recommendations. It remains to be established that the Office of Refugee Resettlement has met the requirements of the law by regularly meeting with either state or local officials regarding refugee resettlement; and

Whereas, The Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation has warned that there are serious challenges to properly vetting and screening refugees from war-torn areas with little to no criminal or terrorist databases. Terrorist organizations have explicitly claimed that they are embedding agents and terrorists within refugee populations. Yet, refugee populations from countries known to harbor terrorists continue to be resettled in Michigan without any assurance that the Federal government has established and implemented a system to properly screen individuals resettling in our State; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Michigan House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That we urge the President and Congress of the United States to pursue all due diligence to comply with the Refugee Resettlement Act of 1980 by consulting local governments on the placement of refugees, and to halt further refugee placements until it is able to conduct proper, adequate screenings. If incorporated, Michigan will be able to successfully welcome refugees to our State; and be it further

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