SENATE RESOLUTION NO.21

Senator Nesbitt offered the following resolution:

- 1 A resolution to oppose the Green New Deal as outlined in U.S.
- 2 House Resolution 109 and U.S. Senate Resolution 59 and encourage
- 3 our national leaders to pursue smarter evidence-based regulatory
- 4 practices.
- 5 Whereas, U.S. House Resolution 109 and U.S. Senate Resolution
- 6 59 have been introduced in Congress recognizing the duty of the
- 7 federal government to create a Green New Deal. The Green New Deal
- 8 calls for an elimination of greenhouse gas emissions through public
- 9 works projects and federal regulation. In addition to climate
- 10 goals, the plan includes far reaching social promises that are
- 11 contrary to traditional American principles by providing a basic
- 12 income for able-bodied adults unwilling to work; and
- 13 Whereas, The projects proposed in the Green New Deal would be

- 1 extremely expensive. One analysis estimated the cost could be as
- 2 high as \$93 trillion over 10 years, which would lead to crippling
- 3 new taxes and debt; and
- 4 Whereas, Well established American industries would be harmed
- 5 by excessive environmental regulation proposed in the Green New
- 6 Deal. Our trucking, automobile, and agriculture industries would
- 7 all be affected, putting countless jobs at risk; and
- 8 Whereas, The Green New Deal would stifle economic development
- 9 and consumers will bear the burden. Rather than allow efficient
- 10 market forces to put pressure on businesses to lower greenhouse gas
- 11 emissions, business decisions will be based on the whims of federal
- 12 regulation at the expense of consumer affordability and employee
- 13 wages; and
- 14 Whereas, Achieving the goals set out in the Green New Deal may
- 15 not even be technologically feasible in the 10-year time-frame.
- 16 There is no justification for the enormous economic harm this deal
- 17 will cause especially if it cannot meet its stated goals; now,
- 18 therefore, be it
- 19 Resolved by the Senate, That we oppose the Green New Deal as
- 20 outlined in U.S. House Resolution 109 and U.S. Senate Resolution 59
- 21 and encourage our national leaders to pursue smarter evidence-based
- 22 regulatory practices; and be it further
- 23 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
- 24 President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United
- 25 States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan
- 26 congressional delegation.