

SENATE RESOLUTION NO.21

Senators Barrett, Theis, Johnson, Victory, Wojno, Outman, Hollier, Alexander, Bullock, Hertel, McCann, Bumstead, Ananich, Moss, Brinks, Irwin, Horn, LaSata, McBroom, Santana, Bizon, Zorn, MacDonald, Lauwers, Bayer, Daley, Stamas, Geiss, Chang, Polehanki, Nesbitt, Schmidt and VanderWall offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to call on the National Guard Bureau to
2 immediately end the food contract for the 1,000 Michigan National
3 Guard service members currently deployed to Washington, D.C., and
4 provide a per diem food allowance backdated to the start of
5 mobilization.

6 Whereas, Members of the Michigan National Guard make
7 tremendous personal sacrifice on behalf of our state and our nation
8 to provide protection and security whether their duty keeps them in
9 Michigan or takes them out-of-state or out-of-country. Guard

1 members leave their families and regular employment to serve our
2 country; and

3 Whereas, Michigan National Guard members are currently
4 deployed at the nation's Capitol in Washington, D.C., providing
5 security and supporting civilian law enforcement protecting our
6 democracy and members of Congress; and

7 Whereas, The food provided to our Guard members has been
8 unsafe and insufficient. Members are reporting that meat served
9 with lunch and dinner is almost always undercooked. Further, food
10 sits in packaging for hours before reaching the troops. Many guard
11 members are using their own money to purchase meals, a situation
12 that is inappropriate when in the service of their country; and

13 Whereas, The current situation is completely unacceptable.
14 Michigan's National Guard members deserve to receive the basic
15 human need of safe and sufficient food while protecting our
16 nation's Capitol; now, therefore, be it

17 Resolved by the Senate, That we call on the National Guard
18 Bureau to immediately end the food contract for the 1,000 Michigan
19 National Guard service members currently deployed to Washington,
20 D.C., and provide a per diem food allowance backdated to the start
21 of mobilization; and be it further

22 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
23 Chief of the National Guard Bureau and to the Adjutant General and
24 Director of the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans
25 Affairs.