

Senators Hertel, Ananich, Knezek, Young, Bieda and Conyers offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 189.

A resolution to call on Governor Snyder and the Michigan Department of Transportation to take action to end the work stoppage imposed by the Michigan Infrastructure and Transportation Association so road work can be completed.

Whereas, In early September, construction work was halted on about 150 road projects around the state, affecting all major trunkline projects in some way. The Michigan Infrastructure and Transportation Association (MITA) imposed an "involuntary layoff" of Michigan road workers' union Operating Engineers 324 from ongoing road projects throughout the state; and

Whereas, The union has over 14,000 members and had been working all summer without a contract, since their last agreement with MITA expired June 1. Operating Engineers leadership has indicated they are ready to get back on the job and finish road work; and

Whereas, Michigan roads are in poor shape overall and badly need repair and improvement. The work stoppage is risking the valuable time and safety of Michigan drivers. Road projects need to be finished and travel routes restored before construction season ends and winter sets in; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That Governor Snyder should continue to meet with all parties and facilitate talks so interrupted work on Michigan roads can be finished; and be it further

Resolved, That the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) should impose fines on contractors who fail to get workers back on the job and complete road projects in a timely manner, as outlined in their agreements; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Governor Snyder and the Director of the Michigan Department of Transportation.