

Reps. Taub, LaJoy, Garfield, Tabor, Bradstreet, Acciavatti, Milosch, Pastor, Walker, Shackleton, Meyer, Nofs, Gaffney, Stahl, Pappageorge, Emmons, Van Regenmorter, Vander Veen, Voorhees, Stakoe, Newell, Caul, Murphy, Clack, DeRoche, Anderson, Jammick, Kolb, Moolenaar, Kooiman, Nitz, Caswell, Farhat, Ruth Johnson, Palmer, Hardman, Accavitti, Ehardt and Hager offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 191.

A resolution to memorialize the Congress of the United States and the Transportation Security Administration to make changes to certain procedures regarding the inspection of baggage.

Whereas, The effort to increase security throughout our country has included a wide range of new procedures and policies. Our country's swift and strong response to the new realities include many forward-thinking measures, many of which are handled by the new Transportation Security Administration; and

Whereas, One area where further modifications may be necessary relates to the activity of screening baggage for airplane travel. Under current policies, when screeners find it necessary to go into a suitcase or other baggage, air travelers are informed of this inspection by a notice that is placed in the bag before it is closed up again. The effectiveness of this notification system would be strengthened considerably if the written notice included the identification of the TSA inspector. Adding this information would increase accountability and protect further the rights and property of airline travelers; and

Whereas, As our country continues to shape policies to combat the threat of terrorism in our society, flexibility in refining and adjusting practices will be a key to ensuring full cooperation and safeguarding our people in the most effective manner possible; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize the Congress of the United States and the Transportation Security Administration to make changes to procedures regarding the inspection of baggage to ensure that TSA personnel who inspect the contents of luggage are identified in the notification that is put in the bag; and be it further

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