

Reps. Hoogendyk, Gosselin and Schuitmaker offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 171.

A resolution to memorialize the United States Senators of the state of Michigan to work for a prompt up-or-down vote on the nomination of Samuel A. Alito, Jr., to the United States Supreme Court.

Whereas, Article II, Section 2 of the United States Constitution states that the President shall nominate and, by and with the advice and consent of the United States Senate, shall appoint ambassadors, other public ministers and consuls, judges of the Supreme Court, and other officers of the United States; and

Whereas, Activist judges on some federal courts have frustrated the constitutional structure, which prescribes that laws shall be written by elected legislatures; and

Whereas, President George W. Bush has expressed his commitment to appoint federal judges who will strictly interpret the United States Constitution; and

Whereas, On July 1, 2005, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor announced her retirement from the United States Supreme Court; and

Whereas, On October 31, 2005, President George W. Bush nominated Samuel A. Alito, Jr., to the Supreme Court; and

Whereas, In the past, a minority of senators has used dilatory tactics to prevent a Senate floor vote on several of President George W. Bush's judicial nominees, all of whom were reported favorably by the United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary; now, therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we request our United States Senators to work for a prompt up-or-down vote on the nomination of Samuel A. Alito, Jr., to the United States Supreme Court; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate and the Senators of the state of Michigan.