

Rep. Opsommer offered the following concurrent resolution:

House Concurrent Resolution No. 19.

A concurrent resolution to memorialize the United States Congress to exercise its oversight responsibilities with regard to the Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America and any other agreements, compacts, or associations between itself, Canada, and Mexico that may compromise the sovereignty of the United States.

Whereas, The Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America (SPP) is a trilateral effort between the United States, Canada, and Mexico that looks to build upon NAFTA and provide greater cooperation and information sharing between the governments. The stated objectives of the SPP are to enhance prosperity and security through efforts such as reducing the costs of trade and improving productivity and public health; and

Whereas, SPP meetings involving the three nations have taken place with little information being given to the public on the manner in which the SPP seeks to build upon NAFTA. Congress has not specifically authorized the SPP, and critics argue that agreements, compacts, and associations are being created and implemented by agencies and departments without congressional oversight. One of the more controversial objectives of the SPP involves the construction of an international highway through Texas and other parts of the United States that would affect how our borders operate and our driver's license information would be shared; and

Whereas, We urge the United States Congress to review the outcomes of NAFTA before formally seeking to expand it or before allowing departmental agreements, compacts, or associations to independently expand it by rule promulgation or executive fiat. We urge Congress to investigate and oversee the policy objectives of the SPP in order to clarify its goals and to make sure they are in the best interests of the citizens of the United States; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That we memorialize the United States Congress to exercise its oversight responsibilities with regard to the Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America and any other agreements, compacts, or associations between itself, Canada, and Mexico that may compromise the sovereignty of the United States; 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, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.