

Senator Thomas offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 9.

A resolution urging the United States Congress to support President Barack Obama's American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan.

Whereas, President Barack Obama truly recognizes that the United States is experiencing its worst economic condition since the Great Depression of the 1930s, according to many respected economists; and

Whereas, Our state's unemployment rate has soared above 10 percent (10.6 percent) for the first time since December 1984, according to recently released Department of Energy, Labor, and Economic Growth report; and

Whereas, President Obama's plan, the 2009 economic stimulus package, is designed to help pull our country out of a serious recession by investing approximately \$800 billion into several facets of our economy; and

Whereas, About 40 percent of the plan's overall investment includes a tax cut for approximately 95 percent of America's working families; and

Whereas, The plan also calls for doubling the production of alternative energy in the next three years; modernizing more than 75 percent of federal buildings and improving the energy efficiency of 2 million American homes, saving consumers and taxpayers billions on our energy bills; equipping tens of thousands of schools, community colleges, and public universities with 21st century classrooms, labs, and libraries; expanding broadband across America, so that a small business in a rural town can connect and compete with its counterparts anywhere in the world; and investing in the science, research, and technology that will lead to new medical breakthroughs, new discoveries, and entire new industries; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we hereby urge the United States Congress to support President Barack Obama's American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan; and be it further

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