

Senators Sanborn, Cropsey, Pappageorge, Hardiman and Nofs offered the following resolution:

**Senate Resolution No. 179.**

A resolution to memorialize the Congress of the United States to enact legislation that makes permanent the provisions of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001.

Whereas, The significant growth in the federal deficit over the past 18 months as a consequence of federal bailouts and new federal programs has resulted in the President and many in Congress proposing that some or all of the tax relief provisions of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 be allowed to expire at the end of the year. This shortsighted approach would take away necessary tax relief from individuals and small business owners; and

Whereas, The Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act includes income tax rate reductions for all income brackets, incentives for small businesses to expand and hire, and the elimination of the practice of double taxing dividends. Taken together, these policies have kept a considerable amount of money in the hands of American workers and their families during these difficult financial times; and

Whereas, The approach of letting citizens decide how best to spend more of their money will prove to be the best strategy for reviving the economy and putting our country on a stronger foundation for the future. It would also be instrumental in limiting the growth of the federal government; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we hereby memorialize the Congress of the United States to enact legislation that makes permanent the provisions of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001; 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.