

Rep. Brunner offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 315.**

A resolution to memorialize the Congress of the United States to enact a comprehensive federal farm bill before the current farm bill expires on September 30, 2012.

Whereas, For decades, the federal farm bill has guaranteed the continued production of a stable and affordable food supply for our nation. The farm bill strikes a solid balance between supporting farmers, maintaining an affordable home-grown supply, encouraging the protection of the environment, and making food available and ensuring adequate nutrition for every American family and child; and

Whereas, Michigan's food and agriculture systems contribute \$91.4 billion annually in direct and indirect economic activity, making it the second largest industry in the state. Agriculture in Michigan has continued to grow and thrive, making agriculture a cornerstone to diversifying Michigan's economy in the future. Michigan has about ten million acres of farmland and is home to more than 56,000 farms. More than 90 percent of Michigan farmland is owned by families or individuals. Michigan produces over 200 commodities on a commercial basis, making our state the second most agriculturally diverse state in the nation; and

Whereas, On September 30, 2012, the current federal farm bill will expire. The United States House of Representatives has yet to pass a federal farm bill, despite its vital importance to the continued success of one of our nation's most important economic contributors. Failure to pass a federal farm bill places farms in jeopardy throughout the nation and threatens critical nutrition programs, such as emergency food aid and programs that make fresh fruits and vegetables available to school children; and

Whereas, The United States Senate passed the Agricultural Reform, Food, and Jobs Bill of 2012, S. 3240, the Senate version of the federal farm bill, on June 18, 2012; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to enact a comprehensive federal farm bill before the current farm bill expires on September 30, 2012; 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 State House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.