

Rep. Schmidt offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 236.**

A resolution to urge the Congress of the United States to live under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and reject subsidies for health insurance from the U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Whereas, The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act will require Americans not currently covered under health insurance to purchase it. Millions of hard-working people will have no choice but to purchase insurance from health insurance exchanges; and

Whereas, Congress made the sound decision that it should live under the same requirements that it is now imposing on many other Americans. Section 1312(d)(3)(D) of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act requires members of Congress and their staff to obtain insurance from health plans created under the act or exchanges established under the act. This requirement ensures that our elected representatives will experience the same confusion and economic burden as millions of Americans who do not have the luxury of an employer-sponsored plan; and

Whereas, The U.S. Office of Personnel Management has decided that lawmakers and their staff will now receive a substantial subsidy to help purchase health insurance. The subsidy will cover over 70 percent of the costs on an exchange. It essentially bypasses the intent of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and insulates Congress from experiencing the increased costs that will result for many ordinary Americans; and

Whereas, Congress should resist the temptation to accept special privileges for itself that are not available to the people that they represent. The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act will have a dramatic, and potentially damaging, impact on the lives of people and businesses in the United States. Congress should share this impact in the name of fairness and to evaluate first-hand its work. To do otherwise would be an unfortunate display of hypocrisy; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the Congress of the United States to live under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and reject subsidies for health insurance from the U.S. Office of Personnel Management; 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.