

Rep. Banks offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 302.

A resolution to urge the Governor to reinvest in local communities and commit to restoring full statutory revenue sharing.

Whereas, The state of Michigan has failed in its commitment to local communities over the last decade. Over \$6 billion in state revenue sharing has been redirected to support state government operations at the expense of local communities and the vital services they provide. At the same time the state budget was increasing by 26 percent, local governments have had no choice but to cut police and fire, snow plowing, and other services; and

Whereas, Cuts to state revenue sharing exacerbated the stress placed on local communities by the recent recession. Municipalities throughout Michigan now face fiscal crises because, in hard times, we chose to balance the state budget on the back of local governments. With limited capability of generating local revenue, they were forced to make impossible decisions between maintaining vital services or balancing their budgets; and

Whereas, The state of Michigan now has a stable budget and a significant budget surplus. The time has come for Michigan to reinvest in local communities so they can restore essential services to adequate levels and so they may invest in neglected critical infrastructure. Reinvestment in local communities has a direct benefit to the everyday life of Michigan's residents and creates a stronger Michigan for all. However, this reinvestment will only occur with the full support of both the legislative and executive branches of state government; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the Governor to reinvest in local communities and commit to restoring full statutory revenue sharing; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor.