

Rep. Dianda offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 420.

A resolution to call on the federal government to take steps to protect Lake Superior from Asian carp.

Whereas, Asian carp are poised to enter the Great Lakes through the Chicago Area Waterway System. While protections exist in this area to prevent an Asian carp invasion, they are not effective, and a substantial invasion risk remains. Unfortunately, efforts to more effectively protect the Great Lakes have been stymied by a lack of agreement on next steps, in part, because of the complicated dynamics and potential economic implications for the Chicago metropolitan area; and

Whereas, Asian carp could have significant impacts on Lake Superior and the other Great Lakes. Asian carp would compete with Great Lakes fish for food and could severely decrease economically important fish populations in the Great Lake. Lake Superior is home to a thriving fish industry of vital importance to the communities surrounding the lake; and

Whereas, There is still time to protect Lake Superior from Asian carp even if efforts fail in the Chicago area. The Soo Locks at Sault Ste. Marie already span the connecting waters between Lake Superior and the rest of the Great Lakes. Immediate steps should be taken, while there is still time, to fortify the infrastructure at the locks to prevent the movement of Asian carp; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we call on the federal government to take steps to protect Lake Superior from Asian carp; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the members of the Michigan congressional delegation, the Commanding General of the United States Army Corps of Engineers, and the Asian Carp Regional Coordinating Committee.