

103^D CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. RES. 485

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that any health care reform legislation passed by Congress must ensure access to and the continued advancement of medical technology.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 20, 1994

Mr. RAMSTAD (for himself and Mr. VALENTINE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that any health care reform legislation passed by Congress must ensure access to and the continued advancement of medical technology.

Whereas the United States enjoys high quality health care largely because patients have access to the latest medical technology;

Whereas medical technology not only improves the health of the citizenry, but also provides cost-effective delivery of care;

Whereas medical technology, the driving force behind advances in quality and improved efficiency, must play an integral role in reforming the health care delivery system;

Whereas substantial capital investment is needed to bring the full benefits and cost-savings from technology to health care delivery;

Whereas the development of medical technology requires large investments in research and development which are generated largely by the private sector;

Whereas artificial health care spending limits in any form—whether they be immediate price controls or controls that are triggered at a future date—will discourage private investment and hinder the development of medical technology;

Whereas the world depends on American innovation for the development of and access to medical technology;

Whereas research and technology development related to information and computer technology and application of those research results to the health care industry are essential to achieving the cost savings necessary to pay for health care reform;

Whereas innovation and competition, not price controls or rationing, are the key to cost-control and high-quality health care; and

Whereas drug and therapy rationing would have unintended consequences and actually lead to decreased competitiveness among suppliers and higher costs for consumers:
Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

3 This resolution may be cited as the “Medical Innova-
4 tion Resolution”.

1 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

2 It is the sense of Congress that any legislation en-
3 acted to reform health care delivery in the United States
4 must not include provisions such as price controls and lim-
5 its on national health care expenditures that would restrict
6 access to medical technology or hinder its development.

○