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H. CON. RES. 273

Expressing the sense of the Congress that any comprehensive health care reform measure should ensure that extemporaneous compounding is made available to provide allergen-free medications for persons who suffer from severe food allergies or other medical conditions.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 26, 1994

Mr. BARCA of Wisconsin submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress that any comprehensive health care reform measure should ensure that extemporaneous compounding is made available to provide allergen-free medications for persons who suffer from severe food allergies or other medical conditions.

Whereas studies published in the New England Journal of Medicine indicate that an estimated 8 percent of all children in the United States and as many as 2 percent of all adults in the United States suffer from food allergies;

Whereas the severity of allergic reactions associated with food allergies ranges from minor skin rashes and low-grade fevers to respiratory failure, brain damage, and death;

Whereas common allergens such as corn, peanuts, soybeans, gum, and dyes are frequently used in most versions of pharmaceutical products in the United States;

Whereas pharmaceutical products have yielded great benefits in the treatment and prevention of illness and other medical conditions;

Whereas persons with severe food allergies are often unable to locate prescription medication that does not contain ingredients to which they are allergic;

Whereas pharmacists may use the process of extemporaneous compounding to custom formulate medications for persons with specific medical needs, if the pharmacists obtain the active ingredients for the medications from a pharmaceutical company; and

Whereas persons who are allergic to ingredients in prescription medication often find it difficult to locate a pharmacist to provide the service of extemporaneous compounding: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of the Congress that any
3 comprehensive health care reform measure enacted by the
4 Congress should include provisions to ensure that extem-
5 poraneous compounding is made available to provide aller-
6 gen-free medications for persons who suffer from severe
7 food allergies, or other medical conditions, that make them
8 unable to utilize other, commercially available, medica-
9 tions.

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