

103^D CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. J. RES. 270

To ensure all residents equal access to quality health care services if a managed competition health plan is enacted by requiring Members of Congress to enroll in the lowest cost health care plan offered in a Health Alliance area, and to impose an excise tax on Members of Congress equal to three times any amount the Member pays in health care premiums above the amount paid by enrollees in the lowest cost health care plan in the Health Alliance area.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 29, 1993

Mr. STARK introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and House Administration

JOINT RESOLUTION

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Whereas under the Administration health reform proposal all citizens will be able to enroll in one of a number of health insurance plans in the region in which they live (known as an Alliance area);

Whereas the premium rates and quality of these various plans will vary significantly;

Whereas it is essential that lower income families and individuals be assured that plans with the lower premiums offer quality service;

Whereas an easy and automatic way for Members of Congress to determine whether quality of care is being provided to the tens of millions of Americans who enroll in the lower cost plans is for Members of Congress to enroll themselves and their families (spouse and children) in such plans: Now, therefore be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*

2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 SECTION 1. That all Members of Congress and their
4 families enroll in the lowest price health plan in the Alli-
5 ance area from which they are elected.

6 SEC. 2. A Member of Congress shall pay an annual
7 excise tax equal to three times the annual difference be-
8 tween the health premium which the Member of Congress
9 pays and the premium paid by enrollees in the lowest cost
10 health plan in the Alliance area from which the Member
11 of Congress is elected.

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