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Mr. CORZINE (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. LIEBERMAN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Senate that legislative information shall be publicly available through the Internet.

Whereas an open and free exchange of information about the legislative process is critical to ensuring the success and health of a democracy;

Whereas the public should have easy and timely electronic access to public records of Congress;

Whereas congressional documents that are placed in the Congressional Record are made available to the public electronically by the Superintendent of Documents of the Government Printing Office, under the direction of the Public Printer, but it is often difficult and time-con-

suming for the public to access and locate such documents;

Whereas many official congressional documents are not placed in the Congressional Record and are unavailable electronically to the public; and

Whereas the current system for electronic public access to legislative information and legislative resources, as maintained by the Library of Congress, could be improved, and should be continuously upgraded to keep pace with advances in website technology: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

2 (1) the Library of Congress shall continue to
3 provide and maintain a website for public access to
4 legislative documents;

5 (2) the website shall provide access to as much
6 information about current and historical legislative
7 documents as is reasonably practicable;

8 (3) the Library of Congress shall provide suffi-
9 cient financial and personnel resources to maintain
10 the website at modern standards of accessibility and
11 usability; and

12 (4) offices and personnel that develop and
13 maintain congressional documents shall cooperate to
14 the maximum extent practicable with the Library of
15 Congress to ensure that the Library of Congress

- 1 website has full and prompt access to all publicly
- 2 available congressional documents.

