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# S. RES. 118

To provide Internet access to certain Congressional Research Service publications.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LUGAR, and Mr. FEINGOLD) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration

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## RESOLUTION

To provide Internet access to certain Congressional Research Service publications.

1       *Resolved,*

2       **SECTION 1. PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION.**

3           The Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate shall make in-  
4 formation available to the public in accordance with the  
5 provisions of this resolution.

6       **SEC. 2. AVAILABILITY OF CERTAIN CONGRESSIONAL RE-**  
7                           **SEARCH SERVICE INFORMATION.**

8           (a) AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION.—

9                   (1) IN GENERAL.—The Sergeant-at-Arms of the  
10           Senate, in consultation with the Director of the Con-

1       gressional Research Service, shall make available  
2       through a centralized electronic system, for purposes  
3       of access and retrieval by the public under section  
4       3 of this resolution—

5               (A) all information described in paragraph  
6               (2) that is available through the Congressional  
7               Research Service website; and

8               (B) an index of all information described  
9               in paragraph (2) that is available through the  
10              Congressional Research Service website.

11             (2) INFORMATION TO BE MADE AVAILABLE.—

12       The information to be made available under para-  
13       graph (1) is the following:

14             (A) Congressional Research Service Issue  
15             Briefs.

16             (B) Congressional Research Service Re-  
17             ports that are available to Members of Congress  
18             through the Congressional Research Service  
19             website.

20             (C) Congressional Research Service Au-  
21             thorization of Appropriations Products and Ap-  
22             propriations Products.

23       (b) LIMITATIONS.—

24             (1) CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.—Subsection

25       (a) does not apply to—

1 (A) any information that is confidential, as  
2 determined by—

3 (i) the Director of the Congressional  
4 Research Service; or

5 (ii) the head of a Federal department  
6 or agency that provided the information to  
7 the Congressional Research Service; or

8 (B) any documents that are the product of  
9 an individual, office, or committee research re-  
10 quest (other than a document described in sub-  
11 section (a)(2)).

12 (2) REDACTION AND REVISION.—In carrying  
13 out this section, the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate,  
14 in consultation with the Director of the Congres-  
15 sional Research Service, may—

16 (A) remove from the information required  
17 to be made available under subsection (a) the  
18 name and phone number of, and any other in-  
19 formation regarding, an employee of the Con-  
20 gressional Research Service;

21 (B) remove from the information required  
22 to be made available under subsection (a) any  
23 material for which the Director of the Congres-  
24 sional Research Service, determines that mak-  
25 ing that material available under subsection (a)

1           may infringe the copyright of a work protected  
2           under title 17, United States Code; and

3           (C) make any changes in the information  
4           required to be made available under subsection  
5           (a) that the Director of the Congressional Re-  
6           search Service, determines necessary to ensure  
7           that the information is accurate and current.

8           (c) MANNER.—The Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate,  
9           in consultation with the Director of the Congressional Re-  
10          search Service, shall make the information required under  
11          this section available in a manner that is practical and  
12          reasonable.

13       **SEC. 3. METHOD OF ACCESS.**

14          (a) CRS INFORMATION.—Public access to Congres-  
15          sional Research Service information made available under  
16          section 2 shall be provided through the websites main-  
17          tained by Members and Committees of the Senate. The  
18          Sergeant-at-Arms shall ensure that the websites main-  
19          tained by Members and Committees of the Senate provide  
20          the same capability to find information made available  
21          under section 2 as the Congressional Research Service  
22          website.

23          (b) EDITORIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR CRS REPORTS  
24          ONLINE.—The Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate is respon-

1 sible for maintaining and updating the information made  
2 available on the Internet under section 2.

3 **SEC. 4. IMPLEMENTATION.**

4       The Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate shall establish  
5 the database described in section 2(a) within 6 months  
6 after the date of adoption of this resolution.

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