

105TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. J. RES. 107

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 5, 1998

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress that the award of attorneys' fees, costs, and sanctions of \$285,864.78 ordered by United States District Judge Royce C. Lamberth on December 18, 1997, should not be paid with taxpayer funds.

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4 The Congress finds that—

5 (1) the President’s Task Force on National
6 Health Care Reform, convened by President Clinton
7 in 1993, was charged with calling together officials
8 of the Federal Government and others to debate
9 critical health issues of concern to the American
10 public;

11 (2) the Task Force convened behind closed
12 doors and inappropriately included individuals who
13 were not employees of the Federal Government;

14 (3) United States District Judge Royce C.
15 Lamberth ruled in *Association of American Physi-*
16 *cians and Surgeons, Inc., et al. versus Hillary*
17 *Rodham Clinton, et al.*, that representatives of the
18 administration engaged in “dishonest” and “rep-
19 rehensible” conduct in characterizing the member-
20 ship of the Task Force;

21 (4) Judge Royce C. Lamberth on the basis of
22 such conduct ruled against the defendants and or-
23 dered them to pay \$285,864.78 in attorneys’ fees,
24 costs, and sanctions for the plaintiffs; and

1 (5) American taxpayers should not be held re-
2 sponsible for the inappropriate conduct of Federal
3 Government officials and lawyers involved with the
4 Task Force.

5 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF THE CONGRESS.**

6 It is the sense of the Congress that the award of
7 \$285,864.78 in attorneys' fees, costs, and sanctions that
8 Judge Royce C. Lamberth ordered the defendants to pay
9 in Association of American Physicians and Surgeons, Inc.,
10 et al. versus Hillary Rodham Clinton, et al., should not
11 be paid with taxpayer funds.

 Passed the House of Representatives February 4,
1998.

Attest:

ROBIN H. CARLE,
Clerk.