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H. RES. 478

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to
implementing the Medicine Equity and Drug Safety Act of 2000.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 10, 2002

Mr. BERRY (for himself, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. POMEROY,
Mr. BOSWELL, and Mr. ALLEN) submitted the following resolution; which
was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with
respect to implementing the Medicine Equity and Drug
Safety Act of 2000.

Whereas Americans fill approximately 3.0 billion prescriptions
each year at a cost of almost \$117 billion;

Whereas prescription drug spending is projected to continue
to increase at a rate of approximately 17 percent per
year;

Whereas brand-name prescription drug prices have doubled
since 1990;

Whereas average prescription drug prices continue to increase
at a rate three times as high as general inflation and
twice as high as medical inflation;

Whereas drug prices are two times to ten times more expensive in the United States than they are in other countries;

Whereas the Medicine Equity and Drug Safety Act of 2000 (“MEDS Act”) was enacted pursuant to section 745 of the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001 (enacted by reference by Public Law 106–387)(114 Stat. 1549A–35); and

Whereas the MEDS Act would allow pharmacists and drug wholesalers to import less costly prescription drugs into the United States from FDA-approved manufacturing facilities in Canada and other countries: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives urges
- 2 the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in consulta-
- 3 tion with the Commissioner of Food and Drugs, to imple-
- 4 ment the Medicine Equity and Drug Safety Act of 2000
- 5 in order to provide less costly prescription drugs to Amer-
- 6 ican consumers.

