

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 37

WHEREAS, recently in the Senate version of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (HR 3590), a special deal was reportedly made by Nebraska Senator Ben Nelson whereby the state of Nebraska is permanently exempted from bearing the costs of newly eligible Nebraska Medicaid enrollees; and

WHEREAS, such exemption has not been afforded to Missouri or any of the other 48 states; and

WHEREAS, all other states except Nebraska will be required to allocate substantial sums to accommodate the federal health care bill's new Medicaid mandates; and

WHEREAS, it has also been reported that Senator Nelson's vote for passage of the bill was secured only after the deal was made; and

WHEREAS, this "Nebraska Compromise" strikes a blow to the nation's collective confidence in elected officials in Washington, D.C. and violates basic notions of fundamental fairness:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-fifth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby call on Missouri Attorney General Chris Koster to join the 13 other state attorneys general from across the nation in challenging the special deal; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Attorney General Koster thoroughly review the constitutionality and legality of this suspect provision in HR 3590 and stand up for Missouri taxpayers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Missouri Senate be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Attorney General Koster, the Governor, and each member of the Missouri congressional delegation.

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