Bill as Introduced

HJR 20 - AS INTRODUCED

2000 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION ***20***

A RESOLUTION urging the United States Congress to fully fund the Ricky Ray Hemophilia Relief Fund Act for HIV victims.

SPONSORS: Rep. Konys, Hills 33; Rep. Buckley, Hills 44; Rep. Pilliod, Belk 3; Rep. Lozeau, Hills 30; Rep. Clegg, Hills 23; Sen. Pignatelli, Dist 13; Sen. Trombly, Dist 7; Sen. Squires, Dist 12; Sen. Brown, Dist 17

COMMITTEE: State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs

ANALYSIS

This house joint resolution urges the United States Congress to fully fund the Ricky Ray Hemophilia Relief Fund Act of 1998 for persons who contracted the human immunodeficiency virus due to contaminated blood products.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand

A RESOLUTION urging the United States Congress to fully fund the Ricky Ray Hemophilia Relief Fund Act for HIV victims.

Whereas, Congress passed the Ricky Ray Hemophilia Relief Fund Act of 1998; and

Whereas, the Ricky Ray Hemophilia Relief Fund Act was passed to provide for compassionate payments to individuals with blood-clotting disorders, such as hemophilia, who contracted the human immunodeficiency virus due to contaminated blood products; and

Whereas, in its review of the events surrounding the HIV infection of thousands of people with blood-clotting disorders, such as hemophilia, a 1995 study, entitled "HIV and the Blood Supply", of the Institute of Medicine found a failure of leadership and an inadequate institutional decision-making process in the system responsible for ensuring blood safety, concluding that a failure of leadership led to less than effective donor screening, weak regulatory actions and insufficient communication to patients about the risk of AIDS; and

Whereas, this legislation, named after a teen-age hemophiliac who died from AIDS, was enacted to provide financial relief to the families of hemophiliacs who were devastated by the federal government's policy failure in its handling of the AIDS epidemic; and

Whereas, now that the relief bill has been signed into law by the President, Congress has been reticent to fund it; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

That the New Hampshire general court hereby urges Congress to fully fund the Ricky Ray Hemophilia Relief Fund, enacted into law under the Ricky Ray Hemophilia Relief Fund Act of 1998, in 1999 so that there is no delay between the authorization and timely appropriation of this relief; and

That copies of this resolution signed by the governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the president of the senate be forwarded by the house clerk to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, the President of the United States, and to each member of the New Hampshire congressional delegation.

Speakers

2:30

SIGN UP SHEET

To Register Opinion If Not Speaking

Bill # HJR 24 Date 1/25/00

Committee State-Federal

** Please Print All Information **

Name	Address	Phone	Representing	(check one) Pro	Con

Rescheduled

1/26/00

11:30 AM

11:30AM

SIGN UP SHEET

To Register Opinion If Not Speaking

Bill # HJR 28 Date 1/26/00

Committee State-Federal

**** Please Print All Information ****

Name	Address	Phone	Representing	(check one) Pro	Con
Sheila Evans	POB 386 Hennika	428-4415	self	✓	
Colleen Yont	6 Jorgensen Dr Bow	225-5771		✓	
James Pillsbury MD	524-3047		Cystadenoma	✓	

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To Register Opinion If Not Speaking

Bill # HJR 20 Date 2/9/00

Committee State-Federal

**** Please Print All Information ****

Name	Address	Phone	Representing	(check one) Pro	Con
James P. Pillsbury	Berlin, Dist 3		Cosponsor	✓	
Debra S. Pignatelli			District 13	✓	

Hearing Minutes

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

PUBLIC HEARING ON HJR20

BILL TITLE: urging the United States Congress to fully fund the Ricky Ray Hemophilia Relief Fund Act for HIV victims

DATE: January 26, 2000

LOB ROOM: 307 **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 11:30am

Time Adjourned: 11:45am

(please circle if present)

Committee Members: Reps. Tufts, C. Gagnon, Fields, Fenton, Rubin, N. Reardon, D. Flanders, Dalianis, Marple, D. Ouellette, Priestley, Quandt, Young, Lynott, Domingo, Drabinowicz, Herman, J. McDonald, Vincent, Twardus, G. Johnson and McDonough-Wallace.

Bill Sponsors: Rep. Konys, Rep. Buckley, Rep. Pilliod, Rep. Lozeau, Rep. Clegg, Sen. Pignatelli, Sen. Trombly, Sen. Squires, Sen. Brown

TESTIMONY

* Use asterisk if written testimony and/or amendments are submitted.

* **Rep. Konys, Sponsor,** spoke in support of this bill.

Rep. Rubin asked "How much"? Supposed to be $75 million but they are funding less than 10% of that amount.

Kathy Seward McCabe spoke in support of this bill. She stated that her husband died 2 ½ yrs. ago. Third nation countries would collect blood without any form of testing. Her husband died because in the 90's the FDA was ignoring any testing. A class action suit was filed and each victim was awarded $10,000 but the Congress funded this decision at $7500 per victim.

Rep. Rubin asked if the administration takes a part of these funds. Yes, none have received any funds from this judgment. What support have you received from our state delegation? Only Senator Gregg has responded.

Respectfully submitted,

James J. Fenton, Clerk

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open 11:30AM

Rep. Konys - sponsor. read written testimony

Rep Rubins - How much? supposed to be 75 million this are funding less than 10% of that ~~amount~~ amount, ~~of this~~

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Rep. Rubin - Does the administration take a part of these funds? - Yes, none have received any ~~of the~~ funds from this judgement.

What support have you received from our state delegation? - only Sen. Gregg has responded.

Closed hearing @ 11:45 AM.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

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TESTIMONY

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

PUBLIC HEARING ON HJR20

BILL TITLE: urging the United States Congress to fully fund the Ricky Ray Hemophilia Relief Fund Act for HIV victims.

DATE: February 09, 2000

LOB ROOM: 306 **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 10:00am

Time Adjourned: 10:50am

(please circle if present)

Committee Members: Reps. Tufts, G. Gagnon, Fields, Fenton, Rubin, N. Reardon, D. Flanders, Dalianis, Marple, D. Ouellette, Priestley, Quandt, Young, Lynott, Domings, Drabinowicz, Herman, J. McDonald, Vincent, Twardus, G. Johnson and McDonough-Wallace.

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TESTIMONY

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Reconvened hearing from January 26, 2000.

Kathy MacKay, Nashua – supports this legislation. Noted that she provided testimony at previous hearing. Significantly proven in 1984 that AIDS is transmitted by flood transfusion. She stated that this fund is to help survivors and those who cannot get life insurance.

Rep. Marple – asked why it took 3 years to find that blood inventory was ineffective. MacKay stated that it was wrong, then blood was heated. Class settlement was $100,000 each.

Terry MacNeill, Dracut MA. – Worked lobby in Congress in Washington DC. He stated that the Ricky Ray bill is supposed to be relief for spouses. He noted that of the 10,000 people with hemophilia, 5,000 are deceased. The question was asked "why not funded under emergency fund? ....$750,000. MacNeill stated that this is a criminal act and that twenty-eight countries were infected as the inventory was sold to these countries. This fund would be a piece of justice and closure. Some money in other countries was paid. MacNeill thanked the committee for their help. Committee to check on blood shield laws.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis H. Fields

Dennis H. Fields, Clerk pro-tem

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

PUBLIC HEARING ON HJR20

BILL TITLE: urging the United States Congress to fully fund the Ricky Ray Hemophilia Relief Fund Act for HIV victims.

DATE: 2/9/2000 Re-Convened Hearing

LOB ROOM: 306 **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 10:00 AM

Time Adjourned:

(please circle if present)

Committee Members: Reps. Tufts, G. Gagnon, Fields, Fenton, Rubin, N. Reardon, D. Flanders, Dalianis, Marple, D. Ouellette, Priestley, Quandt, Young, Lynott, Domingo, Drabinowicz, Herman, J. McDonald, Vincent, Twardus, G. Johnson and McDonough-Wallace.

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TESTIMONY

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Re-Convened.
Hearing STATE-FEDERAL-VETERANS AFFAIRS

Wed = 2/9/FEBRUARY Hearing 10:00 AM

HB-20 Rep. CHRISTINE KOHNS

SUPPORT BILL

URGING CONGRESS TO FULLY FUND

(1.) THE RICKY RAY HEMOPHILIA RELIEF FUND

ACT FOR HIV VICTIMS.

KATHY MACKAY = WASHED SPOKE IN FAVOR

HAD PREVIOUS TESTIMONY ON FIRST READING

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BLOOD SHIELD LAW PREVENTED DRUG

COMPANIES NOT BE SUED.

TERRY MACNEILL = WORKED LOBBY IN CONGRESS

WASHINGTON D.C. FROM BRACKT MASS.

RICKY RAY SUPPOSE TO BE RELIEF FOR

SPOUSES

OF 16,000 HEMOPHILIA SPOUSE DEAD.

WHY NOT FUNDED UNDER EMERGENCY FUND.

#750,000 BILL. TERRY SAY THIS IS A CRIMINAL ACT.

28 other countries were infected as the inventory was sold to these countries.

This fund would be a piece of justice are closed.

Some money in other countries was paid.

Thanks you for your help.

We need to check on Olcon Shield Labs.

Testimony



Photo by Kathy Seward-MacKay

Jim and Donna Kerber are a Bellevue, Neb., couple suffering from the results of Jim being infected with AIDS from the plasma products sold to him for the treatment of his hemophilia, an inherited blood-clotting disorder.

Hemophilia Relief Fund Act could help ease burden of loss

"We had AIDS in our refrigerator – next to our lettuce," said Terry MacNeill, the Dracut, Mass., mother of two hemophiliac sons, as she talked last month with legislators on Capitol Hill.

"I have one son who died of AIDS and I'm going to lose another. My lineage stops here. I will not have grandchildren."

Like MacNeill's sons, Jim Kerber of Bellevue, Neb., was infected with AIDS from the plasma products sold to him for the treatment of his hemophilia, an inherited blood-clotting disorder that can produce excessive bleeding from cuts or other injuries.

When I visited Jim at his home last month, he recalled the day a nurse told him he tested positive for HIV.

He looked her in the eye and said, "Hemophilia made my life hell and I finally learned to deal with it. Now you are telling me that the medication that you prescribed to me – to push into my veins – is going to kill me."

The nurse looked back at him and said, "Yes."

The MacNeills and the Kerbers are not alone.

During the 1980s, 10,000 hemophiliacs were poisoned with HIV through the use of Factor VIII concentrate, an FDA-approved plasma product used to control bleeding in hemophiliacs.

And because the drug companies did not warn them of the dangers of their medicine, many hemophiliacs unknowingly passed the virus along to their wives and children, only to watch them perish.

To date, this tragedy has killed more than 7,500 members of the hemophilia community.

Now, Kerber battles AIDS every day of his life. When I met Jim at his home last month, I felt I was reliving parts of my own life.

My husband, David, an HIV-positive hemophiliac, died of liver failure two years ago at age 34, leaving behind two young sons.

I felt my presence there was an eerie foreshadowing of events to come. The next battle for that family will be moving on without a father or a husband.

While life has been an uphill struggle for the hemophiliacs infected with the AIDS virus, perhaps the

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As I See It

Kathy Seward-MacKay is a free-lance photographer who lives in Nashua. She formerly was a full-time photographer for The Telegraph.

As I See It

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toughest battle is the fight for justice and accountability.

After six years of lobbying initiated by the Committee of Ten Thousand, a hemophilia advocacy group, Congress passed the Ricky Ray Hemophilia Relief Fund Act of 1998.

The legislation, named after a teen-age hemophiliac who died from AIDS, provides financial relief to the families of hemophiliacs who were devastated by the federal government's policy failure in its handling of the AIDS epidemic.

Now that the relief bill has been signed into law by the president, our legislators are reticent to fund it. It was omitted from the 1999 budget and it faces resistance in the 2000 budget.

It seems hypocritical that our Congress acknowledged relief is needed and deserved, yet has not provided the funds to do so. With an estimated $100 billion surplus this year, our politicians should find a way to appropriate the money for this much-needed bill.

Our losses will never truly be recovered and we will never truly recover from our losses, but the compassionate payments will help ease our burdens. And perhaps more important, it will send a message to the public that the United States government holds itself accountable for its actions.

We must now urge the budget appropriators to fund this bill in the year 2000. The appropriation cycle ends in October of this year and now is the time to put pressure on those who voted for the relief bill.

In New Hampshire, Sen. Judd Gregg and Rep. John E. Sununu sit on the appropriations committees. Their support will help justice prevail.

The hemophilia community has been suffering for more than 15 years and will continue to suffer for years to come. This is only a one-time payment. We owe it to the hemophiliacs who bore the brunt of the fatal mistakes made by the federal government.

An independent investigation by the Institute of Medicine, a panel within the National Academy of Science, supports these charges of faulty decision-making.

Citing a financial conflict of interest between the pharmaceutical companies and the FDA, the panel concluded that poor leadership within the FDA during the 1980s led to unnecessary deaths of 75 percent of the HIV-infected hemophiliacs.

Despite the dangers of collecting plasma from state prisons, low-income neighborhoods and Third World countries, the FDA allowed the drug companies to use this plasma to manufacture Factor VIII concentrate.

Even after it was established in 1984 that this practice was deadly, the FDA still allowed the drug companies to sell the existing supply of contaminated products.

Manufacturers sold HIV-laden Factor VIII until 1987, while well-intentioned mothers injected the poison into the veins of their hemophiliac sons.

Had the drug companies discarded the product, they would have lost millions of dollars. Lives, like that of my husband, David, Jim Kerber and Terry MacNeill's sons were merely tradeoffs for profits.

To add insult to injury, there has been little recourse for the families affected by this nightmare.

After the introduction of Factor VIII concentrate in the 1960s, the blood-banking industry and other lobbyists scrambled to pass blood shield laws. These laws exempt the manufacturer of a blood product from liability for that product.

As a result, it is nearly impossible for the HIV-infected hemophiliacs to successfully sue the pharmaceutical companies.

Families have been financially and emotionally devastated from this crisis. The Kerber family endured discrimination and ridicule from neighbors. Intolerant individuals beat up one of the sons, while others spray-painted their house and threw rocks at their windows.

Once AIDS advances, hemophiliacs lose their ability to work and must collect disability payments – a fraction of their salaries.

Health insurance caps also create debt, as treatment for AIDS, on top of hemophilia, often exceeds an individual's policy coverage. And because they were poisoned with HIV, insurance companies refuse to sell hemophiliacs individual life insurance.

I know from experience it is difficult for a man to die knowing his family will not be financially secure after he is gone – even though it is through no fault of his own.

This relief bill must be funded because the tragedy is directly linked to decisions within our Public Health Service.

The government provides monetary assistance to many tragedies that are heavily featured in the media. Yet many of these events are simply acts of nature or acts that are independent of our federal government.

Just last May, Congress approved a $15 billion bill to fund the bombing of Yugoslavia. Included in that bill, as an add-on item, is $2.9 billion to aid disaster victims, including the Central American victims of Hurricane Mitch and Hurricane Georges.

It is unconscionable to forget about the victims of our own blood supply catastrophe, which, in contrast, costs $750 million.

Everyone should be concerned about accountability. It is tempting to assume this problem exists for hemophiliacs only. That is not the case.

We are all just one accident away from a blood transfusion, and grave concerns about the safety of the blood supply persist. A new deadly virus can emerge at any time. Not to mention the fact that about 30 percent of all cases of hemophilia occur in families with no previous history of the disease.

Since the advent of the AIDS epidemic, hemophiliacs have been working hard to make the blood supply safer for all of us. Committee of Ten Thousand members Corey Dubin of California and Dana Kuhn of Virginia sit on federal blood safety committees, which are heavily represented by the pharmaceutical and blood-banking industries. They are our watchdogs. They represent the underrepresented consumer.

Accountability will make the blood supply safer for you and your loved one. The hemophilia community will continue to fight until our legislators do the right thing. There still remain enough T-cells out there to get the job done.

This compassionate payment may also allow a father to enjoy some quality time with his family before he dies. He may be able to take one last vacation with his family – or ensure that his funeral and medical expenses will not leave his widow and children in great debt.

And as advocates like Terry MacNeill pound the pavement on Capitol Hill each month, 10-year-old Michael Kerber has his own work cut out for him. While reflecting on the impending death of his father, he tells his mom, "I'm going to enjoy Daddy while I have him."

The Ricky Ray Hemophilia Relief Fund Act of 1998 will help him do just that.

To: State-Federal Relations & Veterans Affairs; J. Arthur Tufts, Chairman

From: The Legislative Caucus for Young Children

The Legislative Caucus for Young Children was formed in the fall of 1997 to focus attention on issues affecting New Hampshire's children and their families. The non-partisan caucus supports policies and programs that maximize the development potential of children and prevent future social, health, and education problems. The caucus monitors and proposes legislation in the realm of health care, early childhood care and education, and family support and education. We hold forums to help inform other legislators about these issues and lend support to legislative proposals that meet our criteria. Currently about sixty legislators have asked to be included in our membership and others have worked with us on specific issues.

The caucus supports HJR 20 urging Congress to fully fund the Ricky Ray Hemophiliac Relief Fund Act for HIV victims.

George W. Chase
representing LCYC

Voting Sheets

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HJR20

BILL TITLE: **urging the United States Congress to fully fund the Ricky Ray Hemophilia Relief Fund Act for HIV victims.**

DATE: February 16, 2000

LOB ROOM: 306

Amendments:

Sponsor: Rep. OLS Document #:

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Motions: (OTP) OTP/A, ITL, Re-Refer, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. Lynott

Seconded by Rep. Gagnon

Vote: 12-0 (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Re-Refer, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep.

Seconded by Rep.

Vote: (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE: 12-0

(Vote to place on Consent Calendar must be unanimous.)

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis H. Fields

Rep. Dennis H. Fields, Clerk pro-tem

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HJR20

BILL TITLE: **urging the United States Congress to fully fund the Ricky Ray Hemophilia Relief Fund Act for HIV victims.**

DATE: 2/16/2000

LOB ROOM: 708

Amendments:

Sponsor: Rep. OLS Document #:

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Motions: (OTP) OTP/A, ITL, Re-Refer, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. LYNOTT

Seconded by Rep: GAGNON

Vote: YES 12 NO 0 (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Re-Refer, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep.

Seconded by Rep.

Vote: (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE:

(Vote to place on Consent Calendar must be unanimous.)

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. James J. Fenton, Clerk

OFFICE OF THE HOUSE CLERK 2000 SESSION

STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

Bill #: HCR 20 **Title:**

PH Date: / / **Exec Session Date:** 2/16/2000

Motion: OTP **Amendment #:**

MEMBER	YEAS	NAYS
Tufts, J Arthur, Chairman	/	
Gagnon, Eugene L, V Chairman	/	
Fields, Dennis H	/	
Fenton, James J, Clerk		
Rubin, George R	/	
Reardon, Neil J		
Flanders, David A		
Dalianis, Griffin T		
Marple, Richard		
Ouellette, Dean		
Priestley, Anne K		
Quandt, Marshall E		
Young, David A		
Lynott, Margaret E	/	
Domingo, Baldwin M	/	
Drabinowicz, A Theresa	/	
Herman, Richard P	/	
McDonald, James A	/	
Vincent, Francis C		
Twardus, Joseph R	/	
Johnson, Gary Lance		
McDonough-Wallace, Alice T	/	
Voice Vote	/	

TOTAL VOTE: Yeas 12 Nays
Printed: 1/19/2000

Committee Report

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: **State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs**

BILL NUMBER: **HJR 20**

TITLE: urging the United States Congress to fully fund the Ricky Ray Hemophilia Relief Fund Act for HIV victims.

DATE: February 17, 2000 CONSENT CALENDAR YES ☒ NO ☐

☒ OUGHT TO PASS

☐ OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

☐ INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

☐ RE-REFER

☐ REFER TO COMMITTEE FOR INTERIM STUDY
(Available only in second year of biennium.)

STATEMENT OF INTENT
(Include Committee Vote)

Thousands of people with hemophilia, a blood-clotting disorder, were infected with the HIV virus when they purchased contaminated blood products years ago. This occurred even after the Institute of Medicine was made aware that the blood product was contaminated. Congress passed the Ricky ray Hemophilia Relief Fund Act in 1998, and the bill was signed into law by the President. Fully funding this bill would provide financial relief to the families of hemophiliacs who were devastated by the failure of the federal government's policy also in it's handling of the AIDS epidemic. Many of these families have suffered the loss of multiple members.

Vote 12-0.

Rep. Margaret E. Lynott
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
cc: Committee Bill file

USE ANOTHER REPORT FOR MINORITY REPORT

CONSENT CALENDAR

State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs

HJR 20, urging the United States Congress to fully fund the Ricky Ray Hemophilia Relief Fund Act for HIV victims. OUGHT TO PASS

Rep. Margaret E. Lynott for State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs: Thousands of people with hemophilia, a blood-clotting disorder, were infected with the HIV virus when they purchased contaminated blood products years ago. This occurred even after the Institute of Medicine was made aware that the blood product was contaminated. Congress passed the Ricky ray Hemophilia Relief Fund Act in 1998, and the bill was signed into law by the President. Fully funding this bill would provide financial relief to the families of hemophiliacs who were devastated by the failure of the federal government's policy also in it's handling of the AIDS epidemic. Many of these families have suffered the loss of multiple members. Vote 12-0.

HJR-20

a blood clotting disorder

Thousands of people with Hemophelia were infected with the HIV virus when they ~~used~~ purchased contaminated blood products years ago. This occured even ~~made~~ after the Institute of Medicine was ~~not~~ aware that the blood product was contaminated. Congress passed the Ricky Ray Hemophelia Relief Fund act in 1998 and the bill was signed by the President into law.

~~The resolution would provide~~

Fully funding this bill would provide financial relief to the families of hemophelians who were devastated by the failure of the federal government's policy ~~failure~~ also in its handling of the AIDS epidemic. Many of these families have suffered the loss of multiple members.

M Lynott
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