Bill as Introduced

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2000 SESSION

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION *6*

A RESOLUTION urging the President and Congress to address the challenge of high prescription medication prices.

SPONSORS: Sen. Hollingworth, Dist 23; Sen. McCarley, Dist 6; Sen. D'Allesandro, Dist 20; Sen. Klemm, Dist 22; Sen. Trombly, Dist 7; Sen. J. King, Dist 18; Sen. Cohen, Dist 24; Sen. Wheeler, Dist 21; Sen. F. King, Dist 1; Sen. Larsen, Dist 15; Rep. Emerton, Hills 7; Rep. S. Holley, Hills 28; Rep. Copenhaver, Graf 10; Rep. Nordgren, Graf 10;

COMMITTEE: Insurance

ANALYSIS

This senate concurrent resolution urges the President and Congress to address the challenge of high prescription medication prices.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand

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Whereas, thanks to significant investments in research and development by pharmaceutical manufacturers prescription medications offer ever more safe, effective, and economical means of managing and treating a widening range of illnesses and conditions; and

Whereas, prescription medications are the most rapidly expanding component of health care in New England and the United States; and

Whereas, the prices of most prescription medications developed and marketed in the United States are relatively high compared to the prices of these same medications in other countries and other markets; and

Whereas, the cost of prescription medications for medicaid recipients in New Hampshire rose 17 percent in 1999 and has risen 21 percent in 2000, placing severe strains on the operating budget of the department of health and human services; and

Whereas, the federal government, unlike its counterparts in countries with national health care systems applies, neither its regulatory authority nor its purchasing power to the prices of prescription medication which consequently are markedly higher in the United States than in other countries; and

Whereas, the United States stands virtually alone among the major states of the world in recognizing and protecting the legitimate patent rights of companies that develop new prescription medications yet places no reciprocal obligations on these companies to provide reasonable and affordable access to these patented medications; and

Whereas, the federal government, by legislating to ensure relatively low prices for prescription medications purchased by federal agencies like the Veteran's Administration and for federal programs like Medicaid, while maintaining constitutional barriers against state governments taking similar measures, has exacerbated the impact of prescription medication prices on the citizens of the states; and

Whereas, the high prices of prescription medications weigh most heavily on the least fortunate and most vulnerable citizens – the uninsured and underinsured as well those stricken by serious and chronic illnesses and conditions requiring intensive and extensive treatment; and

Whereas, managing prices of prescription medications and expanding access to necessary medication will decrease the overall cost of health care by reducing the demand for hospital visits and emergency services and the need for surgical and other expensive procedures; and

Whereas, although the separate states are pursuing strategies to manage the cost of prescription medications, the federal government is best placed and equipped to address the interstate and international character of the manufacture and distribution of prescription medications; and

Whereas, the high and rising costs of prescription medications is a national problem requiring leadership on the part of the federal government; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

That the general court hereby urges the President and Congress of the United States to address the challenge of prescription medication prices; and

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

Amendments

Rep. Rubin, Rock. 25
Rep. Quandt, Rock. 20
Rep. Twardus, Straf. 13
May 10, 2000
2000-4464h
01/09

Floor Amendment to SCR 6

Amend the resolution by replacing the ninth paragraph after the title with the following:

Whereas, the federal government should aggressively recover any subsidies from pharmaceutical manufacturers; and

Amend the resolution by inserting after the tenth paragraph after the title the following new paragraph:

Whereas, current laws relative to the pharmaceutical industry need to be updated in an effort towards cost reduction of prescription medications; and

Speakers

SIGN UP SHEET

To Register Opinion If Not Speaking

Bill # SCR 6 Date 5/2/00

Committee State-Federal

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

Name	Address	Phone	Representing	(check one) Pro	Con
Rep Mary Moriarty	6 Plaisie Rd	404-5895	Hollis City Dist 18	X	
Senator Fred King			District 1	X	
Sen. Katie Wheeler	Durham		Sen. District 21	✓	
Deborah Merritt	Div. Elderly + Adult Svss			✓	

Hearing Minutes

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

PUBLIC HEARING ON SCR6

BILL TITLE: urging the President and Congress to address the challenge of high prescription medication prices.

DATE: May 03, 2000

LOB ROOM: 306 **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 2:00pm

Time Adjourned: 2:20pm

(please circle if present)

Committee Members: Reps. Tufts, O. 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

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

Michael Kitch, representing Sen. Hollingworth supports this resolution. Someone asked why the Senator did not agree with the language in the resolutions from our bordering states. M. Kitch stated that she found those resolutions abrasive in tone among other reasons.

Rep. McDonough-Wallace asked if the cost of advertising boosts the cost of drugs. Response: Yes.

Respectfully submitted,

James J. Fenton

James J. Fenton, Clerk

SCR 6

Public Hearing — May 3, 2000

Rm 304, C.o.B. — 2:00pm

Michael Kitch, representing Sen. Hollingworth, supports this resolution.

Why did the Sen. not agree with the language in the resolutions from our bordering states? - She found those resolutions to be rather aggressive in tone among other reasons. Rep Maple -

Rep McDonough-Wallace - Does the cost of ~~advertising~~ advertising boost the cost of drugs? yes.

Closed @ 2:20pm.

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Voting Sheets

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EXECUTIVE SESSION on SCR6

BILL TITLE: **urging the President and Congress to address the challenge of high prescription medication prices.**

DATE:

LOB ROOM:

Amendments:

Sponsor: Rep. OLS Document #:

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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.)

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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

STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

Bill #: _____ **Title:** _____

PH Date: _____/_____/_____ **Exec Session Date:** _____/_____/_____

Motion: _____ **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		
TOTAL VOTE:		

Printed: 1/19/2000

Committee Report

COMMITTEE REPORT

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

BILL NUMBER: **SCR 6**

TITLE: urging the President and Congress to address the challenge of high prescription medication prices.

DATE: 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)

Vote .

Rep.
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
cc: Committee Bill file

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3/23/2000	S	Introduced and Ref. to Insurance; (See Perm. Journal)
4/11/2000	S	Hearing April 18, Room 103, SH, 9:00 a.m.; SC22
4/19/2000	S	Committee Report Ought to Pass, 4/20/2000; SC24
4/20/2000	S	Ought to Pass, MA, VV, OT3rdg, MA, VV; SJ 11, Pg..306
4/20/2000	H	Introduced and ref to St-Fed Rel & Vets; HJ39, p1200
4/25/2000	H	Copy to Chairman on 4/25/2000
4/25/2000	H	Hearing May 3 2:00 RM306,LOB
5/10/2000	H	Maj Report WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION for May 18 (Reg)
5/12/2000	H	Reps Rubin, Quandt & Twardus Prop Fl Am {4464}; HC40, p1289
5/18/2000	H	Rep Tufts moved OTP/AM; Reps Rubin, Tufts & Twardus Fl Am, AA 2/3VV; Adopted with Am 2/3VV;
5/18/2000	S	Sen. Wheeler Nonconcur with House Amendment{4464}; Request C of C ; MA, VV; SJ 15, Pg.503
5/18/2000	S	Senate Conferees; Sen. Wheeler, Klemm, Hollingworth
5/18/2000	H	House Acceded to req for Conf Comm;
5/18/2000	H	(Spkr appts Reps: Fields, Tufts,McDonough- Wallace & Priestly)
5/18/2000	S	C of C Meeting; Thursday, May 24, 2000, Room 120, SH,2:00 p.m.
5/26/2000	H	Conferee Change: Rep Tufts replaces Quandt;
5/26/2000	H	Conf Comm Report (No House Am) filed;
5/31/2000	H	Conf Comm Report Adopted VV;
5/31/2000	S	Conf. Comm Report Adopted, VV ;

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