

Representative Chad E. Bennion proposes the following substitute bill:

RESOLUTION OPPOSING INTERNET ACCESS

TAXES

2004 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Sponsor: Chad E. Bennion

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor urges Utah's congressional delegation to vote for an extension of the Internet tax moratorium.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

► urges the members of the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives representing the state of Utah to vote for a clean, permanent, and technologically neutral extension of the Internet tax moratorium.

Special Clauses:

None

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein:

WHEREAS, in 1998 Congress enacted, and in 2001 extended, the Internet Tax Freedom Act in order to protect consumers that used the Internet and encourage more individuals **h AND BUSINESSES h** to access the Internet;

WHEREAS, the legislation eliminated taxes on Internet access, **h POTENTIAL h** double taxation of a product or service bought over the Internet, and discriminatory taxes that treated Internet purchases differently from other types of sales;



26 WHEREAS, the moratorium on Internet access taxes ~~h [ted to]~~ **ENABLED h** the rapid growth
26a of the
27 Internet, which in turn brought good economic news;

28 WHEREAS, in an age on innovation, the medium of the Internet is sparking a sharp
29 increase in entrepreneurship and opportunity, the likes of which have not been seen since the
30 beginning of the Industrial Revolution;

31 WHEREAS, enacting a tax on Internet access will do significant damage to the United
32 States economy and **h POTENTIALLY h** decrease the standard of living for all Americans; and

33 WHEREAS, on September 17, 2003, the United States House of Representatives
34 unanimously passed a permanent ban on all Internet access taxes:

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
36 Governor concurring therein, urge Utah's congressional delegation to pass a clean, permanent,
37 and technologically neutral extension of the Internet **h ACCESS h** tax moratorium.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the members of
39 Utah's congressional delegation.

Fiscal Note**Resolution Opposing Internet Access Taxes***26-Jan-04***Bill Number HCR006S01***10:25 AM*

State Impact

Mailing requirements of this resolution can be handled within existing budgets.

Individual and Business Impact

No fiscal impact.

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