

**RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO STOP
INTERNET PORNOGRAPHY TO CHILDREN
AND EMPLOYEES**

2007 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Bradley M. Daw

Senate Sponsor: Curtis S. Bramble

8	Cosponsors:	Gage Froerer	Ronda Rudd Menlove
9	Douglas C. Aagard	Kevin S. Garn	Karen W. Morgan
10	Sheryl L. Allen	Kerry W. Gibson	Michael T. Morley
11	Sylvia S. Andersen	James R. Gowans	Carol Spackman Moss
12	Roger E. Barrus	Keith Grover	Paul A. Neuenschwander
13	Ralph Becker	Neil A. Hansen	Merlynn T. Newbold
14	Ron Bigelow	Wayne A. Harper	Michael E. Noel
15	Jim Bird	Lynn N. Hemingway	Curtis Oda
16	DeMar Bud Bowman	Neal B. Hendrickson	Patrick Painter
17	Melvin R. Brown	Christopher N. Herrod	Paul Ray
18	D. Gregg Buxton	Kory M. Holdaway	Phil Riesen
19	David Clark	Gregory H. Hughes	Stephen E. Sandstrom
20	Stephen D. Clark	Fred R. Hunsaker	Jennifer M. Seelig
21	Tim M. Cosgrove	Eric K. Hutchings	LaWanna Lou Shurtliff
22	Greg J. Curtis	Christine A. Johnson	Gordon E. Snow
23	Brad L. Dee	Brad King	Kenneth W. Sumsion
24	Glenn A. Donnelson	Todd E. Kiser	Aaron Tilton
25	John Dougall	Bradley G. Last	Stephen H. Urquhart
26	Jack R. Draxler	David Litvack	Mark W. Walker
27	Carl W. Duckworth	Rebecca D. Lockhart	Mark A. Wheatley
28	Janice M. Fisher	Steven R. Mascaró	Richard W. Wheeler
29	Julie Fisher	John G. Mathis	Larry B. Wiley
30	Lorie D. Fowlke	Rosalind J. McGee	Carl Wimmer
31	Craig A. Frank	Kay L. McIff	Scott L Wyatt

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor urges the United States Congress to take action to help stop children and employees from accessing Internet

37 pornography.

38 **Highlighted Provisions:**

39 This resolution:

40 ▶ urges the United States Congress to take action to help stop children and employees
41 from accessing Internet pornography; and

42 ▶ urges the United States Congress to enact legislation to facilitate a technology-based
43 solution allowing parents and employers to obtain Internet access services that
44 exclude adult content.

45 **Special Clauses:**

46 None



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

49 WHEREAS, the Internet has become an extremely important and popular means of
50 exchanging information, and is relied upon in Utah for business, education, recreation, and
51 other uses;

52 WHEREAS, many Internet sites contain material that is pornographic, either obscene or
53 inappropriate for children, and a majority of these sites originate within the United States but
54 outside of the state of Utah;

55 WHEREAS, the availability of Internet pornography on the job costs Utah employers
56 significant numbers of work hours, strains employers' computer equipment, reduces
57 productivity, and leads to potentially hostile work environments for men and women;

58 WHEREAS, while the custody, care, and nurturing of children resides primarily with
59 parents, the widespread availability of Internet pornography and the ability of children to
60 circumvent existing filtering technology defeat the best attempts at parental supervision or
61 control;

62 WHEREAS, Internet pornographers use evolving techniques to lure Utah children and
63 others into viewing and purchasing pornographic material, defying existing technology
64 designed to block adult content;

65 WHEREAS, current methods for protecting computers and computer networks from
66 unwanted Internet content are expensive, block more than the intended content, and are easily
67 circumvented;

68 WHEREAS, because children, employees, and others may seek out pornography,
69 warnings and other labels meant to help avoid inadvertent hits on pornographic sites may
70 simply increase the likelihood that these sites will be visited;

71 WHEREAS, credit card verification systems burden credit card companies, are
72 expensive and time consuming to establish and maintain, and inhibit legal speech;

73 WHEREAS, other forms of age verification have not been practicable;

74 WHEREAS, prior Congressional attempts to address children's access to Internet
75 pornography have been held unconstitutional or otherwise have not passed constitutional
76 scrutiny;

77 WHEREAS, prior Congressional attempts to address children's access to Internet
78 pornography have not been based on technology that allows individual Internet users to select
79 what kind of Internet content enters their homes and work spaces;

80 WHEREAS, protecting the physical and psychological well-being of Utah's children by
81 shielding them from inappropriate materials is a compelling interest of the Legislature of the
82 State of Utah;

83 WHEREAS, protecting the right of Utah's citizens to control what materials enter their
84 homes and other private property is a compelling interest of the Legislature of the State of
85 Utah;

86 WHEREAS, although the State of Utah has taken rigorous action in an attempt to shield
87 Utah's children from obscenity and other inappropriate adult content, it cannot effectively curb
88 the problems with Internet pornography within its borders without the support of the United
89 States government;

90 WHEREAS, the United States remains in control of the Internet through the
91 Department of Commerce, and the National Telecommunication and Information Association;
92 and

93 WHEREAS, the United States has the ability to create appropriate policies and
94 enforcement tools to effectively deal with these issues:

95 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
96 Governor concurring therein, strongly urges the United States Congress to take action to help
97 stop children and employees from accessing Internet pornography.

98 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor strongly urge the
99 United States Congress to seriously consider enacting legislation to facilitate a
100 technology-based solution that allows parents and employers to subscribe to Internet access
101 services that exclude adult content.

102 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Majority
103 Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives,
104 the President of the United States, and the members of Utah's congressional delegation.