

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# House Concurrent Resolution No. 66

## 95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES DIXON (Sponsor), GUERNSEY, NOLTE, KOENIG, SMITH (14), NIEVES, FISHER (125), GRISAMORE, SMITH (150), BURLISON, SANDER, MUNZLINGER, SCHAAF, DIECKHAUS, EMERY, ALLEN AND DENISON (Co-sponsors).

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**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 House of Representatives, Ninety-fifth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate 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 and immediately review the constitutionality and legality of this suspect provision in HR 3590 and stand up for Missouri taxpayers; and

**Be it further resolved** that, in order to ensure that the dollars of Missouri taxpayers are wisely spent, and in order to ensure that the Attorney General's resources are properly used on criminal prosecutions, enforcement of undocumented worker laws, protection

24 of Missouri consumers, protection of Missouri's natural resources, and other vital duties, the  
25 General Assembly urges Attorney General Koster to refrain from any litigation regarding the  
26 constitutionality and legality of HR 3590 until such time as HR 3590 actually becomes law; and

27 **Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of  
28 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Attorney  
29 General Koster, the Governor, and each member of the Missouri congressional delegation.

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