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104TH CONGRESS

2D SESSION S. CON. RES. 65 Expressing the sense of the Congress that Members should understand and use the Internet to improve the democratic process and to communicate with the Internet community.
IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 13, 1996 Mr. PRESSLER (for himself and Mr. LEAHY) submitted the following concur- rent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION Expressing the sense of the Congress that Members should

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cratic process and to communicate with the Internet

community. Whereas approximately 18,000,000 people use the Internet
and nearly 100,000,000 expect to use it by 1998; Whereas the Internet is changing the way the world commu-
nicates, conducts business, and educates; Whereas the Internet can lead to a more open democratic

process if fully utilized by elected representatives; Whereas many Members of the House of Representatives and Senate do not use electronic mail or World Wide Web

sites;

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Whereas an increase in the usage and knowledge by Members
of the Internet will lead to better policy decisions regard-
ing the Internet and better communications with the
Internet community: Now, therefore, be it
1 Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives

2 concurring), That it is the sense of Congress that—
3 (1) Congress should educate itself about the

4 Internet and use the technology in personal, commit-
5 tee, and leadership offices;
6 (2) Congress should work in a bipartisan and

7 bicameral fashion to facilitate the growth and ad-
8 vancement of the Internet;
9 (3) Congress should maximize the openness of

10 and participation in government by the people via
11 the Internet so that our constituents can have more
12 information from and more access to their elected

13 representatives;
14 (4) Congress should promote commerce and

15 free flow of information on the Internet;
16 (5) Congress should advance the United States’

17 world leadership in the digital world by avoiding the
18 passage of laws that stifle innovation and increase

19 regulation of the Internet; and

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1 (6) Congress should work with the Internet
2 community to receive its input on the issues affect-

3 ing the Internet that come before Congress.

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