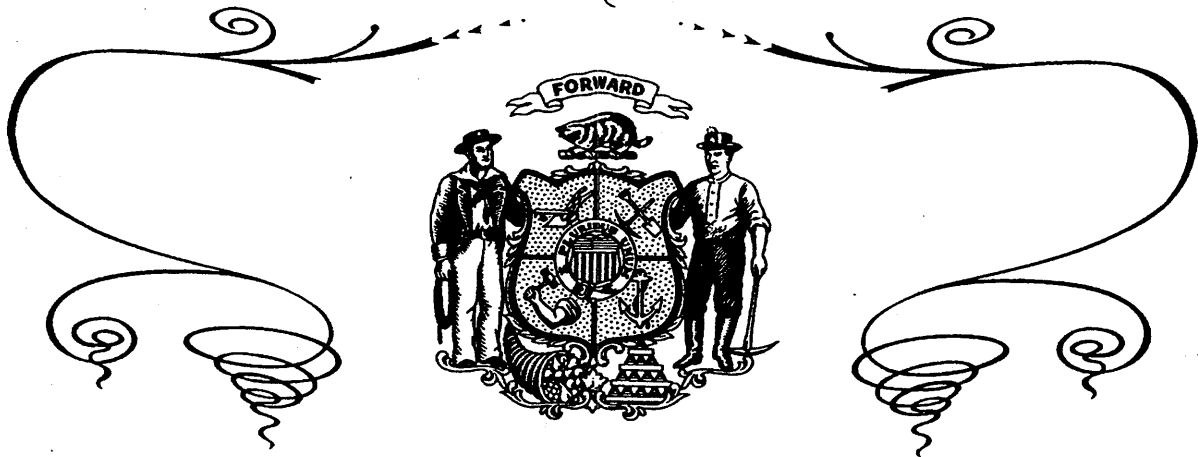


State of Wisconsin



2003 Senate Resolution 31

ENGROSSED RESOLUTION

Relating to: strongly urging Congress and the administration to address the significant price disparity in the international trade of brand-name prescription drugs by creating a safe and legitimate program for prescription drug importation or through negotiated trade agreements with other industrialized nations.

Whereas, the practice of medicine has undergone a shift toward utilization of outpatient prescription medications for patients who in previous years would have been hospitalized, and, therefore, prescription drug spending is increasing over that period; and

Whereas, prescription drug spending in the United States is increasing by up to 12 percent each year and accounts for approximately 11 percent of all health care spending, exceeding \$200 billion in outpatient prescription drugs in 2003; and

Whereas, Americans pay drug prices that are 30 to 300 percent higher than that paid for the same drugs in Europe and other industrialized nations, and Canadian drug prices average 68 percent less than American prices; and

Whereas, the United States provides the world's greatest financial support for discovery of new medicines through research grants; and

Whereas, individuals who pay high prices for prescription drugs may leave their prescriptions unfilled, thereby compromising their health and leading to more costly medical intervention; and

Whereas, many consumers are seeking less expensive prescription drugs by importing them from other countries; and

Whereas, the importation of prescription drugs by U.S. businesses and consumers is illegal and potentially unsafe because such practice occurs outside all state and federal regulations governing manufacture, distribution, and dispensing of prescription medicines in this country; and

Whereas, the effect of prescription drugs becomes questionable when the high cost prevents consumers from obtaining needed drugs or they are forced to use less than prescribed; and

Whereas, all U.S. health care consumers must be assured of a safe and secure system of prescription drug distribution; and

Whereas, licensed and regulated local professionals must remain a critical part of our drug distribution infrastructure; and

Whereas, all purchasers of prescription drugs, including individual consumers, managed care organizations, insurers, and employers, would benefit from a reduction in the cost of prescription drugs in the U.S.; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, That the Wisconsin senate petitions Congress and the administration to implement a system to allow licensed U.S. pharmacies and distributors to participate in the importation of medications from pharmacies and pharmaceutical wholesalers licensed and regulated in a manner deemed comparable to the United States, enabling Wisconsin consumers to access lower-cost drugs while obtaining medicines from local providers; and, be it further

Resolved, That the Wisconsin senate urges Congress and the Administration to develop long-term solutions to bring down the price of prescription medications so people are not forced to make alternative prescription drug choices; and, be it further

Resolved, That the senate chief clerk shall provide a copy of this resolution to the president of the United States, the secretary of the U.S. department of health and human services, the secretary of the Wisconsin department of health and family services, and to all members of Wisconsin's congressional delegation.

State Capitol
Madison, Wisconsin

Senator Alan J. Lasee
President of the Senate

Date

Robert J. Marchant
Senate Chief Clerk

SENATE RESOLUTION 31 (LRB -4402)

Relating to: strongly urging Congress and the administration to address the significant price disparity in the international trade of brand-name prescription drugs by creating a safe and legitimate program for prescription drug importation or through negotiated trade agreements with other industrialized nations.

2004

- 03-09. S. Introduced by Senators **Brown, Roessler, Schultz, Stepp, Zien** and **A. Lasee**.
- 03-04. S. Read and referred to committee on Senate Organization 662
- 03-04. S. Senator Harsdorf added as a coauthor 668
- 03-08. S. Executive action taken.
- 03-08. S. Report adoption recommended by committee on Senate Organization, Ayes 5, Noes 0.
- 03-08. S. Available for scheduling.
- 03-08. S. Placed on calendar 3-9-2004 by committee on Senate Organization.
- 03-09. S. Placed at the foot of the calendar of 3-9-2004.
- 03-09. S. Senate amendment 1 offered by Senators Robson, Moore, Hansen, M. Meyer, Erpenbach, Plale, Risser, Decker, Chvala, Wirch, Lassa, Coggs and Carpenter (**LRB a2586**).
- 03-09. S. Senate amendment 1 to Senate amendment 1 offered by Senator Brown (**LRB a2767**).
- 03-09. S. Senate amendment 2 offered by Senators Robson, Moore, Erpenbach, M. Meyer, Risser, Plale, Decker, Wirch, Chvala, Lassa, Coggs and Carpenter (**LRB a2572**).
- 03-09. S. Senate amendment 1 to Senate amendment 2 offered by Senator Brown (**LRB a2786**).
- 03-09. S. Senate amendment 3 offered by Senators Robson, Moore, Hansen, M. Meyer, Erpenbach, Plale, Risser, Decker, Chvala, Wirch, Lassa, Coggs and Carpenter (**LRB a2575**).
- 03-09. S. Senate amendment 4 offered by Senators Robson, Moore, Hansen, M. Meyer, Erpenbach, Plale, Risser, Decker, Chvala, Wirch, Lassa, Coggs and Carpenter (**LRB a2574**).
- 03-09. S. Senate amendment 5 offered by Senators Robson, Moore, Hansen, M. Meyer, Erpenbach, Plale, Risser, Decker, Chvala, Wirch, Lassa, Coggs and Carpenter (**LRB a2577**).
- 03-09. S. Senate amendment 6 offered by Senators Robson, Moore, Hansen, M. Meyer, Erpenbach, Plale, Risser, Decker, Chvala, Wirch, Lassa, Coggs and Carpenter (**LRB a2576**).
- 03-09. S. Senate amendment 7 offered by Senators Robson, Moore, Hansen, M. Meyer, Erpenbach, Plale, Risser, Decker, Chvala, Wirch, Coggs and Carpenter (**LRB a2573**).
- 03-09. S. Senate substitute amendment 1 offered by Senators Robson, Carpenter, Erpenbach and Hansen (**LRB s0425**).
- 03-09. S. Senate substitute amendment 1 rejected, Ayes 18, Noes 14.
- 03-09. S. Senate amendment 1 to Senate amendment 1 **adopted**.
- 03-09. S. Senate amendment 1 **adopted**.
- 03-09. S. Senate amendment 1 to Senate amendment 2 **adopted**.
- 03-09. S. Senate amendment 2 **adopted**.
- 03-09. S. Senate amendment 3 rejected, Ayes 18, Noes 14.
- 03-09. S. Senate amendment 4 rejected, Ayes 17, Noes 14.
- 03-09. S. Senate amendment 5 rejected, Ayes 17, Noes 14.
- 03-09. S. Senate amendment 6 rejected, Ayes 16, Noes 15.
- 03-09. S. Senate amendment 7 rejected, Ayes 17, Noes 14.
- 03-09. S. **Adopted**, Ayes 17, Noes 14.

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2003 SENATE RESOLUTION 31

March 4, 2004 – Introduced by Senators BROWN, ROESSLER, SCHULTZ, STEPP, ZIEN and A. LASEE. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** strongly urging Congress and the administration to address the
2 significant price disparity in the international trade of brand-name
3 prescription drugs by creating a safe and legitimate program for prescription
4 drug importation or through negotiated trade agreements with other
5 industrialized nations.

6 Whereas, the practice of medicine has undergone a shift toward utilization of
7 outpatient prescription medications for patients who in previous years would have
8 been hospitalized, and, therefore, prescription drug spending is increasing over that
9 period; and

10 Whereas, prescription drug spending in the United States is increasing by up
11 to 12 percent each year and accounts for approximately 11 percent of all health care
12 spending, exceeding \$200 billion in outpatient prescription drugs in 2003; and

13 Whereas, Americans pay drug prices that are 30 to 300 percent higher than that
14 paid for the same drugs in Europe and other industrialized nations, and Canadian
15 drug prices average 68 percent less than American prices; and

1 Whereas, the United States provides the world's greatest financial support for
2 discovery of new medicines through research grants; and

3 Whereas, individuals who pay high prices for prescription drugs may leave
4 their prescriptions unfilled, thereby compromising their health and leading to more
5 costly medical intervention; and

6 Whereas, many consumers are seeking less expensive prescription drugs by
7 importing them from other countries; and

8 Whereas, the importation of prescription drugs by U.S. businesses and
9 consumers is illegal and potentially unsafe because such practice occurs outside all
10 state and federal regulations governing manufacture, distribution, and dispensing
11 of prescription medicines in this country; and

12 Whereas, all U.S. health care consumers must be assured of a safe and secure
13 system of prescription drug distribution; and

14 Whereas, licensed and regulated local professionals must remain a critical part
15 of our drug distribution infrastructure; and

16 Whereas, all purchasers of prescription drugs, including individual consumers,
17 managed care organizations, insurers, and employers, would benefit from a
18 reduction in the cost of prescription drugs in the U.S.; now, therefore, be it

19 **Resolved by the senate, That** the Wisconsin senate petitions Congress and
20 the administration to implement a system to allow licensed U.S. pharmacies and
21 distributors to participate in the importation of medications from pharmacies and
22 pharmaceutical wholesalers licensed and regulated in a manner deemed comparable
23 to the United States, enabling Wisconsin consumers to access lower-cost drugs while
24 obtaining medicines from local providers; and, be it further

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**SENATE AMENDMENT 1,
TO 2003 SENATE RESOLUTION 31**

March 9, 2004 - Offered by Senators ROBSON, MOORE, HANSEN, M. MEYER,
ERPENBACH, PLALE, RISSER, DECKER, CHVALA, WIRCH, LASSA, COGGS and
CARPENTER.

1 At the locations indicated, amend the resolution as follows:

2 1. Page 2, line 11: after that line insert:

3 "Whereas, ~~prescription drugs become unsafe~~ when the high cost prevents
4 consumers from obtaining needed drugs or they are forced to use less than
5 prescribed; and".

(END)

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**SENATE AMENDMENT 1,
TO SENATE AMENDMENT 1,
TO 2003 SENATE RESOLUTION 31**

March 9, 2004 - Offered by Senator BROWN.

1 At the locations indicated, amend the amendment as follows:

2 **1.** Page 1, line 3: delete "prescription drugs become unsafe" and substitute "the
3 effect of prescription drugs becomes questionable".

4 (END)

**SENATE AMENDMENT 2,
TO 2003 SENATE RESOLUTION 31**

March 9, 2004 - Offered by Senators ROBSON, MOORE, ERPENBACH, M. MEYER, RISSER,
PLALE, DECKER, WIRCH, CHVALA, LASSA, COGGS and CARPENTER.

1 At the locations indicated, amend the resolution as follows:

2 1. Page 2, line 24: after that line insert:

3 ***“Resolved, That*** the Wisconsin senate urges Congress and the Administration
4 to develop long-term solutions to bring down the price of prescription medications
5 ~~so that we do not have to rely on imports;~~ and, be it further”.

6 (END)

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**SENATE AMENDMENT 1,
TO SENATE AMENDMENT 2,
TO 2003 SENATE RESOLUTION 31**

March 9, 2004 - Offered by Senator BROWN.

1 At the locations indicated, amend the amendment as follows:

2 **1.** Page 1, line 5: delete "so that we do not have to rely on imports" and
3 substitute "so people are not forced to make alternative prescription drug choices".

4 (END)

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