

SCR-24, As Adopted by Senate, June 5, 2003

Substitute for Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 24.

A concurrent resolution to memorialize the Congress of the United States to enact legislation to regulate spam, unsolicited bulk commercial email.

Whereas, An increasing problem to individuals and businesses using email is the growing volume of unsolicited bulk commercial email messages. What started as an annoyance has become a major problem for many, with estimates of several billion unsolicited bulk messages sent every week. The cost of this mail, both in lost worker time and adding computer equipment to process or block the spam, is an increasing burden for those receiving spam, while the costs to senders are negligible; and

Whereas, Along with the problems created by the accelerating volume of spam, other components of this issue include the number of deceptive and offensive messages and the use of this technology to operate a variety of scams; and

Whereas, Many states, including Michigan, have discussed ways to cope with the onslaught of unsolicited bulk commercial messages. Congress has also faced this issue. Numerous approaches have been mentioned. These range from requiring truthfulness in return addresses to efforts to increase vigilance against fraud to the creation of "do-not-spam" lists. While the appropriate form of federal response may take one of these or other strategies, it is increasingly clear that federal action is essential and holds far more promise of dealing with the problem effectively than state actions alone; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to enact legislation to regulate spam, unsolicited bulk commercial email; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

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