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H. CON. RES. 321

Expressing the sense of the Congress that money saved from efforts to combat waste, fraud, and abuse in the Medicare Program should be deposited in the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund to ensure the financial integrity of the Medicare Program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 5, 1998

Mr. SNOWBARGER (for himself, Mr. TALENT, Mr. HOSTETTLER, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, and Mr. TIAHRT) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress that money saved from efforts to combat waste, fraud, and abuse in the Medicare Program should be deposited in the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund to ensure the financial integrity of the Medicare Program.

Whereas it is estimated that, in fiscal year 1996, waste, fraud, and abuse in the Medicare Program cost the program more than \$23,000,000,000;

Whereas this money would otherwise be used to reimburse costs for health care services furnished to Medicare beneficiaries;

Whereas the Congress has passed several Acts to combat waste, fraud, and abuse in the Medicare Program;

Whereas proposals have been made to use any savings from efforts to combat waste, fraud, and abuse in the Medicare Program not to preserve the financial integrity of the program, but rather to expand eligibility for health care services under the program to individuals between the ages of 55 and 64;

Whereas expanding eligibility under the program before guaranteeing the financial integrity of the program is irresponsible and breaks faith with the millions of older Americans who rely on the Medicare Program; and

Whereas in order to save money the Health Care Financing Administration has limited certain medically necessary benefits for Medicare beneficiaries who meet current eligibility requirements under the program: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
 2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of the Congress that any
 3 money recovered from efforts to combat waste, fraud, and
 4 abuse in the Medicare Program should be deposited into
 5 the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund to ensure the
 6 financial integrity of the Medicare Program and to secure
 7 health care services for only those individuals who meet
 8 current eligibility requirements under the program.

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