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# S. RES. 401

To provide Internet access to certain Congressional Research Service publications.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. HARKIN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration

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## RESOLUTION

To provide Internet access to certain Congressional Research Service publications.

1       *Resolved,*

2       **SECTION 1. PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION.**

3           The Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate shall make in-  
4 formation available to the public in accordance with the  
5 provisions of this resolution.

6       **SEC. 2. AVAILABILITY OF CERTAIN CONGRESSIONAL RE-**  
7                               **SEARCH SERVICE INFORMATION.**

8           (a) AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION.—

9                   (1) IN GENERAL.—The Sergeant-at-Arms of the  
10           Senate, in consultation with the Director of the Con-

1 gressional Research Service, shall make available  
2 through a centralized electronic system, for purposes  
3 of access and retrieval by the public under section  
4 3 of this resolution, all information described in  
5 paragraph (2) that is available through the Congres-  
6 sional Research Service website.

7 (2) INFORMATION TO BE MADE AVAILABLE.—

8 The information to be made available under para-  
9 graph (1) is the following:

10 (A) Congressional Research Service Issue  
11 Briefs.

12 (B) Congressional Research Service Re-  
13 ports that are available to Members of Congress  
14 through the Congressional Research Service  
15 website.

16 (C) Congressional Research Service Au-  
17 thorization of Appropriations Products and Ap-  
18 propriations Products.

19 (b) LIMITATIONS.—

20 (1) CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.—Subsection

21 (a) does not apply to—

22 (A) any information that is confidential, as  
23 determined by—

24 (i) the Director of the Congressional  
25 Research Service; or

1 (ii) the head of a Federal department  
2 or agency that provided the information to  
3 the Congressional Research Service; or

4 (B) any documents that are the product of  
5 an individual, office, or committee research re-  
6 quest (other than a document described in sub-  
7 section (a)(2)).

8 (2) REDACTION AND REVISION.—In carrying  
9 out this section, the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate,  
10 in consultation with the Director of the Congres-  
11 sional Research Service, may—

12 (A) remove from the information required  
13 to be made available under subsection (a) the  
14 name and phone number of, and any other in-  
15 formation regarding, an employee of the Con-  
16 gressional Research Service;

17 (B) remove from the information required  
18 to be made available under subsection (a) any  
19 material for which the Director of the Congres-  
20 sional Research Service, determines that mak-  
21 ing that material available under subsection (a)  
22 may infringe the copyright of a work protected  
23 under title 17, United States Code; and

24 (C) make any changes in the information  
25 required to be made available under subsection

1 (a) that the Director of the Congressional Re-  
2 search Service, determines necessary to ensure  
3 that the information is accurate and current.

4 (c) MANNER.—The Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate,  
5 in consultation with the Director of the Congressional Re-  
6 search Service, shall make the information required under  
7 this section available in a manner that is practical and  
8 reasonable.

9 **SEC. 3. METHOD OF ACCESS.**

10 (a) CRS INFORMATION.—Public access to Congres-  
11 sional Research Service information made available under  
12 section 2 shall be provided through the websites main-  
13 tained by Members and Committees of the Senate.

14 (b) EDITORIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR CRS REPORTS  
15 ONLINE.—The Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate is respon-  
16 sible for maintaining and updating the information made  
17 available on the Internet under section 2.

18 **SEC. 4. IMPLEMENTATION.**

19 The Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate shall establish  
20 the database described in section 2(a) within 6 months  
21 after the date of adoption of this resolution.

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