



H.Res. 470 – Supporting efforts to increase childhood cancer awareness, treatment, and research

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 470 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Deborah Pryce (R-OH) on June 7, 2007, and has not been considered by any committee.

H.Res. 470 is expected to be considered by the House of Representatives on September 25, 2007.

SUMMARY

H.Res. 470 resolves that it is the sense of the House of Representatives that:

- Public and private sector efforts to promote awareness about the incidence of cancer among children, the signs and symptoms of cancer in children, treatment options, and long-term follow-up;
- Increased public and private investment in childhood cancer research to improve prevention, diagnosis, treatment, rehabilitation, post-treatment monitoring, and long-term survival;
- Policies that provide incentives to encourage medical trainees and investigators to enter the field of pediatric oncology;
- Policies that provide incentives to encourage the development of drugs and biologics designed to treat pediatric cancers;
- Policies that encourage participation in clinical trials;
- Medical education curricula designed to improve pain management for cancer patients; and
- Policies that enhance education, services, and other resources related to late effects from treatment.

BACKGROUND

An estimated 12,400 children are diagnosed with cancer each year, and the incidence of cancer among children in the United States is rising by about one percent each year, and more than 2,300 children die from cancer each year.

Eight percent of deaths of those between the ages of one and nineteen years old are caused by cancer.

Many childhood cancer advocacy groups have declared September as National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

COST

At the time of printing the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) had not scored this legislation.

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