HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9

INTRODUCED BY SMITH, BIXBY, COONEY, ELLINGSON, FRANKLIN, HEDGES, JAYNE, JUNEAU, LENHART, PEASE, ROUSH, SMALL-EASTMAN, TROPILA, WINDY BOY

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CONTROL CONGRESS INVESTIGATE WAYS OF DEALING WITH THE PRICE COST OF MEDICATIONS IN ORDER TO MAKE THEM AFFORDABLE TO EVERYONE.

WHEREAS, the price of prescription medicine has risen so high that DRAMATICALLY IN RECENT YEARS; AND

WHEREAS, many senior citizens cannot afford to pay for drugs and still afford the necessities of life, such as food and shelter; and

WHEREAS, the Montana Legacy Legislature has made this resolution its number one priority.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

(1) That the federal government control <u>CONGRESS INVESTIGATE</u> the price <u>COST</u> of medications so that the cost is <u>IN ORDER TO FIND WAYS TO MAKE THE COST</u> affordable to everyone without causing hardship.

(2) That copies of this resolution be sent by the Secretary of State to the Montana Congressional Delegation.

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