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# S. RES. 231

Expressing the sense of the Senate that any health care reform proposal should slow the long-term growth of health costs and reduce the growth rate of Federal health care spending.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 30, 2009

Mr. BENNETT (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. JOHANNES, Mr. COBURN, and Mr. CRAPO) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Finance

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## RESOLUTION

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Whereas health care spending has risen close to 2.4 percentage points faster than gross domestic product (GDP) since 1970; and

Whereas the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services projects health care spending to be 17.6 percent of GDP in 2009 and 20.4 percent of GDP by 2018: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

1           (1) any health care reform proposal should re-  
2       duce total spending on health care in the United  
3       States during the next decade to below current pro-  
4       jections by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid  
5       Services; and

6           (2) any health care reform proposal should re-  
7       duce the growth rate of Federal health care spend-  
8       ing.

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