

HR 1963

2004

1 House Resolution

2 A resolution urging the Senators in the United States
3 Congress from the State of Florida to support federal
4 legislation proposing a permanent ban on Internet access
5 taxes.

6
7 WHEREAS, in 1998, Congress enacted, and in 2001 extended,
8 the Internet Tax Freedom Act in order to protect consumers that
9 use the Internet and to encourage more individuals to access the
10 Internet, and

11 WHEREAS, the legislation eliminated taxes on Internet
12 access, double-taxation of a product or service bought over the
13 Internet, and discriminatory taxes that treated Internet
14 purchases differently from other types of sales, and

15 WHEREAS, the moratorium on taxing Internet access led to
16 the rapid growth of the Internet, which in turn brought good
17 economic news, and

18 WHEREAS, we live in an age of innovation, where the medium
19 of the Internet is sparking a sharp increase in entrepreneurship
20 and opportunity, the likes of which have not been seen since the
21 beginning of the Industrial Revolution, and

22 WHEREAS, enacting a tax on Internet access will do
23 significant damage to the United States economy and decrease the
24 standard of living for all Americans, and

25 WHEREAS, on September 17, 2003, the House of
26 Representatives unanimously passed a permanent ban on all
27 Internet access taxes, however, when the bill came to the Senate
28 floor, pro-Internet tax Senators used parliamentary and other

HR 1963

2004

29 | underhanded procedural tricks to force supporters of the
30 | legislation into negotiations, and

31 | WHEREAS, opponents of a tax-free Internet used the
32 | negotiations to stall and stop final passage of a permanent ban
33 | on Internet access taxes in order to achieve their true desire
34 | to tax the Internet, NOW, THEREFORE,

35 |

36 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
37 | Florida:

38 |

39 | That the House of Representatives of the State of Florida
40 | urges our Senators in the United States Congress to join other
41 | Senators in Congress in passing a clean, permanent, and
42 | technologically neutral extension of the Internet tax
43 | moratorium.

44 | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be
45 | transmitted to the Senators in the United States Congress from
46 | the State of Florida.