

1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The United States Congress has called breast
3 cancer a "growing epidemic", and breast cancer is the leading
4 form of cancer among American women; and

5 WHEREAS, It is estimated that 182,000 new cases of breast
6 cancer will be diagnosed each year in American women, and
7 breast cancer is a major cause of death among middle-aged
8 women; it is estimated that 46,000 women will die each year
9 from breast cancer; and

10 WHEREAS, American women, in general, have at least a 10%
11 lifetime risk of developing breast cancer; and

12 WHEREAS, It is reported that the risk of breast cancer
13 increases 30% in women who had an abortion; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that there is created the
16 Abortion-Breast Cancer Task Force consisting of 5 members of
17 the Senate, with 3 members appointed by the President of the
18 Senate (one of whom shall be designated as chairperson) and 2
19 members appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate; all
20 of whom shall serve without compensation; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the Task Force members shall be appointed
22 within 30 days after the adoption of this Resolution and that
23 the Task Force shall convene its first meeting no later than
24 45 days after the adoption of this Resolution; and be it
25 further

26 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall study various issues
27 relating to the link between cancer and abortion, and that
28 the Task Force shall examine, among other issues it chooses
29 to investigate, the following:

30 (1) Is there a link between induced abortion and
31 breast cancer?

1 (2) Is there a link between miscarriage
2 (spontaneous abortion) and breast cancer?

3 (3) Is there a plausible biological mechanism that
4 can explain how abortion could increase the risk of
5 breast cancer?

6 (4) Is there any experimental evidence in addition
7 to epidemiological evidence of an abortion-breast cancer
8 link?

9 (5) Is there evidence that abortion interacts with
10 any other variables known to influence breast cancer
11 risk, such as age, number and timing of children, and
12 family history of breast cancer?

13 (6) What action is necessary to ensure that women
14 and their doctors are well informed about health risks
15 identified by the Task Force?; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall meet at the call of
17 the chairperson, shall hold public meetings, shall receive
18 the assistance of legislative staff, and shall report its
19 findings and recommendations concerning various issues
20 relating to the existence of a link between abortion and
21 breast cancer to the Senate by filing a copy of its report
22 with the Secretary of the Senate on or before January 1,
23 2002; and that upon filing its report the Task Force is
24 dissolved.