

House Resolution 1581

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#### A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Carbon Monoxide Poisoning; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, statistics have shown carbon monoxide to be the leading cause of accidental  
4 poisoning deaths in the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, common household appliances such as gas or oil furnaces, water heaters, space  
6 heaters, and clothes dryers can produce carbon monoxide; and

7 WHEREAS, carbon monoxide is undetectable by the human senses since it is odorless,  
8 tasteless, colorless, and nonirritating; and

9 WHEREAS, the use of carbon monoxide alarms in all homes would greatly decrease the  
10 number of deaths due to accidental carbon monoxide poisoning.

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
12 there is created the House Study Committee on Carbon Monoxide Poisoning to be composed  
13 of five members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the  
14 House of Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as  
15 chairperson of the committee. The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the  
17 above-mentioned issues relating to carbon monoxide poisoning and recommend any actions  
18 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may  
19 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or  
20 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and  
21 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee  
22 shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members of interim legislative  
23 committees but shall receive the same for not more than ten days unless additional days are

1 authorized. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come  
2 from the funds appropriated to the House of Representatives. In the event the committee  
3 makes a report of its findings and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed  
4 legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before December 31, 2004. The  
5 committee shall stand abolished on December 31, 2004.