

House Resolution 1293

By: Representatives Barr of the 103rd, Kelley of the 16th, Dunahoo of the 30th, Gilligan of the 24th, Hitchens of the 161st, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the United States Congress to pass the Regulations from the Executive in Need of
2 Scrutiny (REINS) Act; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the federal government has expanded beyond all bounds established by the
4 United States Constitution; and

5 WHEREAS, Congress has frequently delegated its constitutional responsibilities while
6 failing to conduct appropriate oversight and retain accountability for the laws it passes; and

7 WHEREAS, Congress has created an administrative state that promulgates regulations and
8 creates and administers programs that bend the attention of state bureaucrats toward the
9 federal bureaucracy and away from the state legislature and otherwise interfere with the
10 functioning of state government; and

11 WHEREAS, these actions diminish state sovereignty and individual liberty, as states and
12 their citizens are coerced into complying with mandates and restrictions emanating from
13 unelected, unaccountable bureaucrats; and

14 WHEREAS, these actions have enormous negative consequences on national, state, and local
15 economies, with an estimated burden of \$1.9 trillion per year, or \$15,000.00, for each
16 American family; and

17 WHEREAS, the administration of President Obama promulgated over 600 major rules,
18 defined as those with an annual impact of \$100 million or more; and

19 WHEREAS, the Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny (REINS) Act (HR 26),
20 introduced by Representative Doug Collins of Georgia, would require that all major rules of
21 the executive branch have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted
22 into law and would provide for a joint resolution of disapproval for all nonmajor rules; and

23 WHEREAS, the REINS Act would increase accountability in the regulatory process, result
24 in more carefully drafted and detailed legislation, and provide Congress with a practical
25 mechanism to retain responsibility for the content of the legislation it passes; and

26 WHEREAS, the REINS Act has passed the House, but despite its companion bill having
27 more than one-third of the United States Senate as cosponsors, Majority Leader Mitch
28 McConnell has not brought it to the floor for a vote.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body urge their federal congressional representatives to sponsor the
31 REINS Act (S21), to push Senate leadership to bring it to a vote, and to vote in favor so that
32 the bill can be presented to the president for his signature.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to all
35 members of the Georgia delegation to the United States Congress, the public, and the press.