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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 239**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE**

(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Rules
on February 14, 2000)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Newman)

Directing the Joint Commission on Technology and Science to study the impact of the Uniform Computer Information Transactions Act on Virginia businesses, libraries and consumers.

WHEREAS, the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws has promulgated the Uniform Computer Information Transactions Act (UCITA), and it is now available for consideration for adoption by the several states; and

WHEREAS, the UCITA is major legislation that would govern transactions of computer information, thereby significantly impacting all Virginians who use computers; and

WHEREAS, the UCITA presents a significant policy decision to be made by the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the voluminous pages of the UCITA contain highly technical language and a legal scheme which even legal professionals may have trouble understanding; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth may be one of the first states to consider this major legislation and other states may be looking to the Commonwealth for guidance in considering the UCITA; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth is the leader in technology and relevant laws and it must be responsible in leading other states; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the Joint Commission on Technology and Science be directed to study the impact of the Uniform Computer Information Transactions Act on Virginia businesses, libraries and consumers; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That a subcommittee of the Commission, consisting of two Commission members of the Senate and two Commission members of the House of Delegates, be directed to work with a citizen advisory group in conducting and providing direction to the study. The advisory group shall be comprised of five members as follows: a representative of the Northern Virginia Technology Council; a representative of the Virginia Manufacturing Association; a representative of the insurance industry; a representative of the public libraries; and a representative of the Richmond Technology Council. Members of the advisory group shall serve without compensation or reimbursement for their expenses.

All agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the Commission, upon request.

The Joint Commission on Technology and Science shall complete its work in time to submit its written findings and recommendations by December 1, 2000, to the Governor and the 2001 Session of the General Assembly as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents.