

# ANALYSIS OF HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 4004

Urging support of prostate cancer research.

**SPONSORS:** Representatives Beckers and Cody.

**BACKGROUND:** (Based on national cancer research)

- Prostate cancer is the most common cancer (excluding skin cancer) of American men.
- In 1999 about 179,300 new cases of prostate cancer will be diagnosed in the United States.
- Prostate cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in men, exceeded only by lung cancer.
- 37,000 men in the United States are projected to die of this disease during 1999.
- African-American men have the highest incidence of prostate cancer of any population of men in the world today.

**SUMMARY:** President Clinton and Congress are asked to support increased federal funding for prostate cancer research.