

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION 263

2 WHEREAS, A recent report revealed that 64 federal World
3 Wide Web sites used unauthorized information-collecting
4 "cookies" that allow those agencies to track the browsing and
5 buying habits of Internet users who visited those sites; and

6 WHEREAS, On October 11, 2000, a statement by the United
7 States General Accounting Office indicated that some federal
8 Web sites were lacking when measured against the Federal
9 Trade Commission's four fair information principles: notice
10 (data collectors must disclose their information practices
11 before collecting personal information from consumers);
12 choice (consumers must be given options with respect to
13 whether and how personal information collected from them may
14 be used for purposes beyond those for which the information
15 was provided); access (consumers should be able to view and
16 contest the accuracy and completeness of data collected about
17 them); and security (data collectors must take reasonable
18 steps to ensure that information collected from consumers is
19 accurate and secure from unauthorized use); and

20 WHEREAS, Persons using Web sites maintained by officers
21 and agencies of the State of Illinois are entitled to
22 assurance that their privacy will be protected when they use
23 those Web sites; therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
25 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
26 we direct the Auditor General to conduct an audit of each
27 State officer and agency that maintains a World Wide Web site
28 and determine whether the officer or agency uses technology
29 that allows it to track the browsing or buying habits of
30 Internet users who visit the site and, if so, whether the
31 tracking is necessary and whether the officer or agency
32 protects those users through adequate notice, choice, access,

1 and security; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the Auditor General is directed to report
3 its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly by
4 January 2, 2002; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be presented to
6 the Auditor General.