

Bankruptcy "Reform" Bill

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3 **WHEREAS** the Bankruptcy "reform" bill (S. 256) recently passed by the United States
4 Senate would reduce drastically the options for financially distressed Americans to seek
5 Chapter 7 bankruptcy relief;

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7 **WHEREAS** recent academic studies have indicated that a leading cause of bankruptcy
8 is medical necessity;

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10 **WHEREAS** each and every attempt to reduce the effects of this legislation on elderly
11 homeowners, active military personnel, victims of crime, and medically distressed
12 families was defeated in the Senate by the Republican majority and a few Democrats;

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14 **WHEREAS** the special interest lending community (banks, credit card companies,
15 "payday" lenders) have not demonstrated any serious losses from existing bankruptcy
16 legislation, but continue to extend credit to known bad risks, demanding that the
17 taxpayers insulate them from risk;

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19 **WHEREAS** the Republican leadership has demanded that the Senate version of this
20 "reform" be passed through the House of Representatives without amendment, and
21 without a Conference Committee;

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23 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the Washington State Democratic Central
24 Committee, call on each and every one of our state's United States Representatives to
25 oppose this legislation, and work actively for its defeat.
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29 34th District Democrats (Ivan Weiss - 34th LD Chair) (3/26/05)

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32 Pasco.

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