

**Requesting The New York State Legislature To Require The Collection Of Sales Tax On Internet And Catalog Sales**

The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Cummings and Legislators Busick, Noonan, Stock, Tipp, Dart, Feldmann and R.A. Parete) offers the following:

WHEREAS, internet and catalog retail purchase could take a sizable bite out of state revenues, and

WHEREAS, in-state stores which pay sales and property taxes have a competitive disadvantage, and

WHEREAS, internet and catalog sales are a growing part of the economy, and

WHEREAS, companies are only required to collect sales tax only if they have a presence in the same state as the buyer, and

WHEREAS, consumers very rarely report internet and catalog sales tax, and

WHEREAS, the Ways and Means Committee has met and reviewed said request with a majority of the members voting approval.

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature requests the New York State Legislature to require the collection of sales tax on internet and catalog sales, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature shall forward copies of this resolution to President George W. Bush, Governor George E. Pataki, Comptroller Alan Hevesi, United States Senators Hillary Rodham Clinton and Charles Schumer, United States Congressman Maurice Hinchey, Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno, Senate Minority Leader David A. Paterson, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, Assembly Minority Leader Charles Nesbitt, New York State Senators John J. Bonacic and William J. Larkin, Jr., New York State Assemblymen Kevin Cahill, Clifford Crouch, Daniel Hooker and Thomas Kirwan, the National Association of Counties and the New York State Association of Counties,

and moves its adoption.

Resolution No. 147 April 14, 2005

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DEFEATED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 15                      NOES: 15  
(Legislators Aiello, Alfonso, Busick, Cummings,  
DePew, Felicello, Gerentine, Harris, Maloney,  
McAfee, Meyer, Noonan, Tipp, Dart and Berardi)  
(Absent: Legislators Hathaway, Hyatt and Stoeckeler)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:  
NONE

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