

1-1 By: Parker, et al. S.C.R. No. 25
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 9, 2023; March 16, 2023, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Business & Commerce;
1-4 May 5, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 10,
1-5 Nays 0; May 5, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Schwertner	X		
1-9	King	X		
1-10	Birdwell		X	
1-11	Campbell	X		
1-12	Creighton	X		
1-13	Johnson	X		
1-14	Kolkhorst	X		
1-15	Menéndez	X		
1-16	Middleton	X		
1-17	Nichols	X		
1-18	Zaffirini	X		

1-19 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-20 WHEREAS, The Federal Reserve is exploring the potential
1-21 benefits and risks of implementing a central bank digital currency,
1-22 but it has not given sufficient consideration to key issues
1-23 regarding privacy and cybersecurity; and

1-24 WHEREAS, A central bank digital currency (CBDC) is a digital
1-25 form of money that is a liability of the Federal Reserve, rather
1-26 than a liability of commercial banks; retail CBDCs are issued to the
1-27 general public, establishing a direct relationship between the
1-28 Federal Reserve and consumers; this could lead to unprecedented
1-29 levels of government surveillance and control over private cash
1-30 holdings and transactions; and

1-31 WHEREAS, A number of global leaders have expressed concern
1-32 about the threat of cyber risk to financial stability, and CBDC
1-33 vulnerabilities could be exploited to compromise a nation's
1-34 financial system; many CBDC proposals involve the centralized
1-35 collection of transaction data, which poses major privacy and
1-36 security risks, such as making it easier for intruders to access the
1-37 data of more users; however, proposals that include strategies to
1-38 minimize those risks often reduce transparency for regulators
1-39 seeking to detect money laundering, terrorism financing, and other
1-40 illicit activities; and

1-41 WHEREAS, The implementation of a CBDC would make countless
1-42 U.S. citizens more vulnerable to intrusive federal oversight and
1-43 security threats; now, therefore, be it

1-44 RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas
1-45 hereby express its opposition to the creation of a central bank
1-46 digital currency.

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