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Expressing the sense of the Congress in affirmation of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, commonly known as the Motor Voter Act.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 4 (legislative day, JULY 10), 1995

Mr. SIMON submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress in affirmation of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, commonly known as the Motor Voter Act.

Whereas section 4 of article I of the Constitution provides that the times, places, and manner of holding elections for Senators and Representatives shall be prescribed by State legislatures, subject to laws passed by the Congress;

Whereas the results of a recent study by the Congressional Budget Office indicate that the costs of implementing the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, commonly known as the Motor Voter Act, are far less than costs that would be considered unfunded mandates under the criteria of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995; and

Whereas States that have complied with the Motor Voter Act have, through such compliance, registered new voters in proportion to the demographics of those States: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of the Congress that—

3 (1) the Congress is responsible for the ultimate
4 protection of the voting process, which responsibility
5 is to be exercised by making the voting process avail-
6 able to all persons who are eligible to become voters;

7 (2) it is appropriate for the Congress to affirm
8 that the National Voter Registration Act of 1993,
9 commonly known as the Motor Voter Act, is an ap-
10 propriate measure to ensure the full participation of
11 the American electorate in voting;

12 (3) any failure of a State to comply with the
13 Motor Voter Act is illegal;

14 (4) not later than November 5, 1995, the Gov-
15 ernors of the States should comply with the Motor
16 Voter Act; and

17 (5) the actions of the Attorney General in seek-
18 ing enforcement of the Motor Voter Act have the
19 support of the Congress.

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