

valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

ARTICLE

Section 1. Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.

Section 2. The Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article.

Section 3. This amendment shall take effect two years after the date of ratification; and

Whereas, The 95th Congress of the United States amended the resolution of the 92nd Congress to extend the time for ratification to June 30, 1982, thereby indicating its continued support of the amendment: and

Whereas, The Congress of the United States adopted the 27th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which was proposed in 1789 by our First Congress but not ratified by three-fourths of the States until May 7, 1992, and, on May 18, 1992, certified as the 27th Amendment; and

Whereas, The restricting time limit for ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment is in the resolving clause and is not part of the amendment which was proposed by Congress and which has already been ratified by 35 states; and

Whereas, Having passed a time extension for the Equal Rights Amendment on October 20, 1978, Congress demonstrated that a time limit in a resolving clause may be disregarded if it is not part of the proposed amendment; and

Whereas, The United States Supreme Court in *Coleman v. Miller*, 307 U.S. 433 (1939), recognized that Congress is in a unique position to judge the tenor of the nation, to be aware of the political, social and economic factors affecting the nation and to be aware of the importance to the nation of the proposed amendment; and

Whereas, If an amendment to the Constitution of the United States has been proposed by two-thirds of both houses of Congress and ratified by three-fourths of the state legislatures, it is for Congress, under the principles of *Coleman v. Miller*, to determine the validity of the state ratifications occurring after a time limit in the resolving clause, but not in the amendment itself; and

Whereas, The Legislature of the State of Nevada finds that the proposed amendment is meaningful and needed as part of the Constitution of the United States and that the present political, social and economic conditions demonstrate that constitutional equality for women and men continues to be a timely issue in the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and Assembly of the State of Nevada, Jointly, That the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America is hereby ratified by the Legislature of the State of Nevada; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate shall prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the Secretary of State who shall keep it as a true record of the official acts of the Legislative Department of the State Government pursuant to Section 20 of Article 5 of the Nevada Constitution; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate shall prepare and transmit a certified copy of this resolution, duly authenticated, to the Archivist of the United States at the National Archives and Records Administration pursuant to 1 U.S.C. §§ 106b and 112, which shall serve as official notice that the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the

United States of America is hereby ratified by the Legislature of the State of Nevada; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate shall prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the Vice President of the United States as the presiding officer of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation; and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. THUNE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 102. A bill to direct the Federal Communications Commission to commence proceedings related to the resiliency of critical communications networks during times of emergency, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115-24).

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on Finance:

Special Report entitled "Report on the Activities of the Committee on Finance During the 114th Congress" (Rept. No. 115-25).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. McCAIN for the Committee on Armed Services.

Heather Wilson, of South Dakota, to be Secretary of the Air Force.

By Mr. THUNE for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

*Jeffrey A. Rosen, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Transportation.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. PAUL (for himself and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 827. A bill to provide for the sealing or expungement of records relating to Federal nonviolent criminal offenses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ROUNDS (for himself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. TESTER, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. DONNELLY, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. COTTON, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 828. A bill to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to require the appropriate Federal banking agencies to treat certain municipal obligations as level 2B liquid assets, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. TESTER, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. CARPER):

S. 829. A bill to reauthorize the Assistance to Firefighters Grants program, the Fire Prevention and Safety Grants program, and the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response grant program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself, Mr. CARPER, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. COONS, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. HEINRICH, and Mrs. CAPITO):

S. 830. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coordination of programs to prevent and treat obesity, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself and Mr. CASEY):

S. 831. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 West Pike Street in Canonsburg, Pennsylvania, as the "Police Officer Scott Bashoum Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. COONS):

S. 832. A bill to enhance the transparency and accelerate the impact of programs under the African Growth and Opportunity Act and the Millennium Challenge Corporation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. HARRIS, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. McCASKILL, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. KING, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 833. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand health care and benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs for military sexual trauma, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. REED, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. WARREN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. CASEY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. KAINE, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. COONS, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 834. A bill to authorize the appropriation of funds to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for conducting or supporting research on firearms safety or gun violence prevention; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 835. A bill to require the Supreme Court of the United States to promulgate a code of ethics; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 836. A bill to amend the Federal Credit Union Act to exclude a loan secured by a non-owner occupied 1- to 4-family dwelling from the definition of a member business loan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 837. A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain land to Washington County, Utah, to authorize the exchange of Federal land and non-Federal in the State of Utah, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. COTTON (for himself, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 838. A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to include retrofit loans such as property assessed clean energy loans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mrs. CAPITO, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 839. A bill to allow for judicial review of any final rule addressing national emission standards for hazardous air pollutants for brick and structural clay products or for clay ceramics manufacturing before requiring compliance with such rule; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. WARNER):

S. 840. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to allow the Secretary of Education to award Early College Federal Pell Grants; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. BROWN):

S. 841. A bill to designate the Veterans Memorial and Museum in Columbus, Ohio, as the National Veterans Memorial and Museum, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON, Ms. BALDWIN, Mrs. ERNST, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 842. A bill to prohibit Federal agencies and Federal contractors from requesting that an applicant for employment disclose criminal history record information before the applicant has received a conditional offer, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 843. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the issuance of exempt facility bonds for qualified carbon dioxide capture facilities; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 844. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to consider certain time spent by members of reserve components of the Armed Forces while receiving medical care from the Secretary of Defense as active duty for purposes of eligibility for Post-9/11 Educational Assistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. KAINE, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 845. A bill to protect sensitive community locations from harmful immigration enforcement action, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. KING, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 846. A bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to assist States to rehabilitate or replace certain bridges, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. HARRIS, Ms. HASSAN, Ms. HEITKAMP, Ms. HIRONO, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. WARREN, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. STABENOW, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 847. A bill to establish a commission to ensure a suitable observance of the centennial of the passage and ratification of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States providing for women's suf-

frage, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. HASSAN:

S. 848. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to encourage entrepreneurship by providing loan deferral and loan cancellation for founders and employees of small business startups, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KING (for himself, Mr. BURR, Mr. NELSON, and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 849. A bill to support programs for mosquito-borne and other vector-borne disease surveillance and control; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. CASSIDY):

S. 850. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to establish fair and consistent eligibility requirements for graduate medical schools operating outside the United States and Canada; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE:

S. 851. A bill to end offshore corporate tax avoidance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 852. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to protect older, longer service and grandfathered participants in defined benefit plans; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. PERDUE, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. BOOKER, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 853. A bill to identify and combat corruption in countries, to establish a tiered system of countries with respect to levels of corruption by their governments and their efforts to combat such corruption, and to assess United States assistance to designated countries in order to advance anti-corruption efforts in those countries and better serve United States taxpayers; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 854. A bill to improve compliance with mine safety and health laws, empower miners to raise safety concerns, prevent future mine tragedies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. BROWN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. KAINE, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 855. A bill to ensure that claims for benefits under the Black Lung Benefits Act are processed in a fair and timely manner, to better protect miners from pneumoconiosis (commonly known as "black lung disease"), and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. MCCASKILL (for herself, Mr. HELLER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. WARNER, Mrs. ERNST, Mr. REED, Ms. HASSAN, Mrs. CAPITO, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 856. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 and the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act to combat campus sexual assault, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. ALEXANDER):

S. 857. A bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to establish within the National Park Service the African American Civil Rights Network, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. STABENOW, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 858. A bill to provide protection for survivors of domestic violence or sexual assault under the Fair Housing Act; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 859. A bill to authorize the Director of the United States Geological Survey to conduct monitoring, assessment, science, and research, in support of the binational fisheries within the Great Lakes Basin, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. TILLIS, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. BLUNT, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 860. A bill to reauthorize and improve the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. CARPER, Mr. WARNER, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. UDALL, Ms. HIRONO, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. KAINE, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 861. A bill to provide for the compensation of Federal employees affected by lapses in appropriations; read the first time.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. YOUNG (for himself and Mr. CARDIN):

S. Res. 114. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on humanitarian crises in Nigeria, Somalia, South Sudan, and Yemen; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. Res. 115. A resolution commemorating the 100th anniversary of the 1st Infantry Division; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. CORKER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. KAINE, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. UDALL, Mr. COONS, and Mr. GARDNER):

S. Res. 116. A resolution condemning the Assad regime for its continued use of chemical weapons against the Syrian people; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. DAINES (for himself, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. UDALL, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. HEINRICH, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. RUBIO, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. WARNER, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PORTMAN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. ENZI, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. REED, Mr. COTTON, Mr. TESTER, Mr. CORKER, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. PETERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. KING, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. Res. 117. A resolution designating the week of April 15, 2017, through April 23, 2017, as "National Park Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. HARRIS (for herself, Mr. RUBIO, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Ms. COLLINS):