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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES .

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Mr. Tsongas (for himself, Mr. Packwood, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Mathias, Mr. Biden, Mr. Robert C. Byrd, Mr. Specter, Mr. Metzenbaum, Mr. DeConcini, Mr. Leany, Mr. Baucus, Mr. Cranston, Mr. Bandolph, Mr. Weicker, Mr. Dodd, Mr. Durenberger, Mr. Bradley, Mrs. Kassebaum, Mr. Glenn, Mr. Hatfield, Mr. Moynihan, Mr. Proxmire, Mr. Sarbanes, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Hart, Mr. Heinz, Mr. Inouye, Mr. Stafford, Mr. Riegle, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Percy, Mr. Hollings, Mr. Chafee, Mr. Eagleton, Mr. Stevens, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Gorton, Mr. Bumpers, Mr. Andrews, Mr. Burdick, Mr. Levin, Mr. Schmitt, Mr. Danforth, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Boschwitz, Mr. Pell, Mr. Matsuraga, Mr. Melcher, Mr. Murkowski, Mr. Hayakawa, and Mr. Boren) introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred to the committee on

JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to equal rights for women and men.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of 1 the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-2 thirds of each House concurring therein). That the following 3 article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of 4 the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and 5 purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the 6 legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within 7 seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress: 8

* 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.

*Sec. 2. The Congress shall have the power to enforce,
by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article.
*Sec. 3. This amendment shall take effect two years
after the date of ratification.".