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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 14, 2009

Mr. DEMINT introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

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Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be 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 after the date of its submission by the Congress:
“ARTICLE—

“SECTION 1. The liberty of parents to direct the upbringing and education of their children is a fundamental right.

“SECTION 2. Neither the United States nor any State shall infringe upon this right without demonstrating that its governmental interest as applied to the child involved is of the highest order and not otherwise served.

“SECTION 3. No treaty may be adopted nor shall any source of international law be employed to supersede, modify, interpret, or apply to the rights guaranteed by this article.

“SECTION 4. This article shall take effect after the date of ratification.”.