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SECOND SESSION, NINETY-SECOND CONGRESS

JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to [H. J. Res. 208]  
equal rights for men and women.

*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 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.

"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."

CARL ALBERT

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

ALLEN J. ELLENDER

*President of the Senate pro Tempore.*

I certify that this Joint Resolution originated in the House of Representatives.

W. PAT JENNINGS

*Clerk.*

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