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Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating
to voluntary school prayer.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

JOINT RESOLUTION

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States relating to voluntary school prayer.

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

1 “ARTICLE —

2 “Nothing in this Constitution shall be construed to
3 prohibit individual or group prayer in public schools or
4 other public institutions. No person shall be required by
5 the United States or by any State to participate in prayer.
6 Neither the United States nor any State shall compose
7 the words of any prayer to be said in public schools.”.

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