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# H. J. RES. 90

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States regarding the appointment of individuals to serve as Members of the House of Representatives when, in a national emergency, a significant number of Members are unable to serve.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 11, 2004

Ms. LOFGREN introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## JOINT RESOLUTION

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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 proposed as an amendment to the Con-  
5       stitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all  
6       intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when  
7       ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several

1 States within seven years after the date of its submission  
2 for ratification:

3 “ARTICLE —

4 “SECTION 1. Congress may by law provide for the  
5 appointment of temporary members of the House of Rep-  
6 resentatives to serve during any period in which 30 per-  
7 cent or more of the seats of the House of Representatives  
8 are vacant due to death or resignation.

9 “SECTION 2. Any temporary member appointed pur-  
10 suant to a law enacted to carry out this article shall serve  
11 until a member is elected to fill the vacancy in accordance  
12 with the applicable laws regarding special elections in the  
13 State involved or until the expiration of the 6-month pe-  
14 riod which begins on the first day of the temporary mem-  
15 ber’s service, whichever occurs earlier.”.

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