

108TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. RES. 177

To direct the Senate Commission on Art to select an appropriate scene commemorating the Great Compromise of our forefathers establishing a bicameral Congress with equal State representation in the United States Senate, to be placed in the Senate wing of the Capitol, and to authorize the Committee on Rules and Administration to obtain technical advice and assistance in carrying out its duties.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 19, 2003

Mr. DODD submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration

NOVEMBER 25, 2003

Committee discharged; considered, amended, and agreed to

RESOLUTION

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Whereas on July 16, 1787, the framers of the United States Constitution, meeting at Independence Hall, reached a supremely important agreement, providing for a dual sys-

tem of congressional representation, such that in the House of Representatives, each State would be assigned a number of seats in proportion to its population, and in the Senate, all States would have an equal number of seats, an agreement which became known as the “Great Compromise” or the “Connecticut Compromise”; and

Whereas an appropriate scene commemorating the Great Compromise of our forefathers establishing a bicameral Congress with equal State representation in the United States Senate should be placed in the Senate wing of the Capitol: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved,*

2 SECTION 1. COMMEMORATION OF THE GREAT COM- 3 PROMISE.

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Senate Commission on Art,
5 established under section 901 of the Arizona-Idaho Con-
6 servation Act of 1988 (40 U.S.C. 188b) (in this section
7 referred to as the “Commission”) shall select an appro-
8 priate scene commemorating the Great Compromise of our
9 forefathers, to be placed in a location in the Senate wing
10 to be determined by the chairman and ranking member
11 of the Committee on Rules and Administration.

12 (b) CONSULTATION AUTHORIZED.—The Commission
13 is authorized to seek the advice of and recommendations
14 from historians and other sources in carrying out this sec-
15 tion, and to reimburse such sources for travel expenses,
16 in accordance with Senate Travel Regulations.

1 (c) TIMING.—The Commission shall make its selec-
2 tion pursuant to this section, and shall commission an art-
3 ist to begin work, not later than the close of the 2d session
4 of the 108th Congress.

5 (d) DELEGATION AUTHORITY.—For purposes of
6 making the selection required by this section, a member
7 of the Commission may designate another Senator to act
8 in place of that member.

9 (e) FUNDING.—The expenses of the Commission in
10 carrying out this section shall be made available from ap-
11 propriations under the subheading “MISCELLANEOUS
12 ITEMS” under the heading “CONTINGENT EXPENSES OF
13 THE SENATE”, on vouchers signed by the Secretary of the
14 Senate and approved by the Committee on Rules and Ad-
15 ministration.

16 SEC. 2. TECHNICAL ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE.

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Chairman of the Committee
18 on Rules and Administration may seek technical advice
19 and assistance to the Committee in carrying out its duties
20 from individuals from the public and private sectors, who
21 shall serve without compensation, at the pleasure of the
22 Chairman.

23 (b) NON-GOVERNMENTAL STATUS.—Individuals pro-
24 viding advice and assistance described in subsection (a)
25 shall not be deemed to be—

Attest: EMILY J. REYNOLDS,
Secretary.