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Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative
to parental rights.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. DEMINT (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. ENZI, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. LEE, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. RISCH) introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United
States relative to parental rights.

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
8 States:

1 “ARTICLE —

2 “SECTION 1. The liberty of parents to direct the up-
3 bringing, education, and care of their children is a funda-
4 mental right.

5 “SECTION 2. Neither the United States nor any State
6 shall infringe this right without demonstrating that its
7 governmental interest, as applied to the person, is of the
8 highest order and not otherwise served.

9 “SECTION 3. This article shall not be construed to
10 apply to a parental action or decision that would end life.

11 “SECTION 4. No treaty may be adopted nor shall any
12 source of international law be employed to supersede, mod-
13 ify, interpret, or apply to the rights guaranteed by this
14 article.”.

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