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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 4, 1957

Mr. BUTLER (for himself, Mr. AIKEN, Mr. BARRETT, Mr. BEALL, Mr. BRIDGES, Mr. BUSH, Mr. CAPEHART, Mr. CARLSON, Mr. CASE of South Dakota, Mr. CHAVEZ, Mr. COOPER, Mr. EASTLAND, Mr. FLANDERS, Mr. FULBRIGHT, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Mr. JENNER, Mr. KNOWLAND, Mr. KUCHEL, Mr. LANGER, Mr. MALONE, Mr. MARTIN of Pennsylvania, Mr. MARTIN of Iowa, Mr. MORTON, Mr. MUNDT, Mr. O'MAHONEY, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. POTTER, Mr. PURTELL, Mr. SCHOEPEL, Mr. SMATHERS, Mrs. SMITH of Maine, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. THYE, Mr. WATKINS, Mr. WILLIAMS, Mr. YOUNG, and Mr. MORSE) introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

AUGUST 27, 1957

Reported by Mr. KEFAUVER, without amendment

JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to equal rights for men and women.

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of*
2 *the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-*
3 *thirds of each House concurring therein), That the following*
4 article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of
5 the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and
6 purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the
7 legislatures of three-fourths of the several States:

“ARTICLE —

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2 “SECTION 1. Equality of rights under the law shall not
3 be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State
4 on account of sex. Congress and the several States shall
5 have power, within their respective jurisdictions, to enforce
6 this article by appropriate legislation.

7 “SEC. 2. This article shall be inoperative unless it shall
8 have been ratified as an amendment to the Constitution by
9 the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States.

10 “SEC. 3. This amendment shall take effect one year
11 after the date of ratification.”