

HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENT

BY REPRESENTATIVE DeGraaf

1 Amend engrossed joint resolution, page 2, strike lines 18 through 21 and
2 substitute "for women. The 1972 ERA, however, died more than four
3 decades ago without having acquired the requisite ratification by 38
4 states. It is no longer legally pending before the states for ratification, and
5 no longer rightly pending before Congress for amendment. In 2020, the
6 late Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg commented on the status
7 of the ERA by saying: "I would like to start over. There's too much
8 controversy about latecomers [like] Virginia after the deadline passed.
9 Plus, a number of states have withdrawn their ratification. So if you count
10 a latecomer on the plus side, how can you disregard states that said 'We
11 have changed our minds?'""; and".

12 Page 2, after line 21 insert:
13 "WHEREAS, To become a proper amendment to the U.S. Constitution,
14 adoption of the ERA would now require a new two-thirds majority vote
15 in both the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate and would
16 require a new ratification, subsequent thereto, by three-fourths of the
17 States; and".

18 Page 2, line 22, strike "this".

19 Page 2, line 28, after "recognized;" insert "and".

20 Page 2, line 30, strike "discrimination; and" and substitute
21 "discrimination.".

22 Page 2, strike lines 31 through 33.

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