

HJRES 12

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to voluntary school prayer.

Congress: 107 (2001–2003, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution. (Feb 23, 2001)

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 23, 2001

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
107 HR 69	Identical bill	Feb 12, 2001: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.

Summary (as of Feb 7, 2001)

Constitutional Amendment - Declares that: (1) nothing in the Constitution shall be construed to prohibit voluntary individual or group prayer in public schools or other public institutions; (2) no person shall be required by the United States or any State to participate in prayer; and (3) neither the United States nor any State shall compose the words of any prayer to be said in public schools.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 23, 2001:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.
- **Feb 7, 2001:** Introduced in House
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- **Feb 7, 2001:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.