

SJRES 30

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States regarding the appointment of individuals to serve as Members of the House of Representatives in the event a significant number of Members are unable to serve at any time because of death or incapacity.

Congress: 107 (2001–2003, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Congress

Introduced: Dec 20, 2001

Current Status: Committee on the Judiciary referred to Subcommittee on Constitution.

Latest Action: Committee on the Judiciary referred to Subcommittee on Constitution. (Jul 15, 2002)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/107th-congress/senate-joint-resolution/30>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Specter, Arlen [R-PA]

Party: Republican • **State:** PA • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred to	Jul 15, 2002

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Congress

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Dec 20, 2001)

Constitutional Amendment - Provides that if at any time 50 percent or more of the Members of the House of Representatives are unable to carry out their duties because of death or incapacity, each Governor of a State represented by such a Member shall appoint a qualified individual to take the Member's place as soon as practicable, but no later than seven days, after certification of the Member's death or incapacity.

Requires an individual appointed to take the place of the Member to: (1) be a Member of the same political party as the Member who is being replaced; and (2) serve until a Member is elected to fill the vacancy by a special election to be held at any time during the 90-day period which begins on the date of the individual's appointment, in accordance with the applicable election laws of the State involved. Declares, however, that if a regularly scheduled general election for the office will be held during such period or 30 days thereafter, no special election shall be held and the Member elected in such regularly scheduled general election shall fill the vacancy upon election. Allows such appointed individual to be a candidate in such a special election or in such a regularly scheduled general election.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 15, 2002:** Committee on the Judiciary referred to Subcommittee on Constitution.
- **Dec 20, 2001:** Introduced in Senate
- **Dec 20, 2001:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S13980-13981)
- **Dec 20, 2001:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR 1/23/2002 S22)

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