

HJRES 40

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to guarantee the right to use and recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and the national motto.

Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

Introduced: Mar 18, 2003

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution. (May 5, 2003)

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Sponsor

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Rep. Pitts, Joseph R. [R-PA-16]	R · PA		Mar 18, 2003
Rep. Turner, Jim [D-TX-2]	D · TX		Mar 18, 2003
Rep. Wamp, Zach [R-TN-3]	R · TN		Mar 18, 2003
Rep. Goode, Virgil H., Jr. [R-VA-5]	R · VA		Apr 10, 2003
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	May 5, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Mar 18, 2003)

Constitutional Amendment - Declares that the first article of amendment to the U.S. Constitution shall not be construed to prohibit the: (1) recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, which shall be, "I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all;" nor (2) recitation or use of the national motto, which shall be, "In God we trust."

Actions Timeline

- **May 5, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.
- **Mar 18, 2003:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 18, 2003:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 18, 2003:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.