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Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing the Congress and the States to prohibit the act of desecration of the flag of the United States and to set criminal penalties for that act.

Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Commemorations Introduced: Jan 7, 2003

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution. (Mar 6, 2003) Official Text: https://www.congress.gov/bill/108th-congress/house-joint-resolution/8

Sponsor

Name: Rep. Emerson, Jo Ann [R-MO-8]

Party: Republican • State: MO • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. King, Steve [R-IA-5]	$R \cdot IA$		Mar 11, 2003
Rep. LoBiondo, Frank A. [R-NJ-2]	$R \cdot NJ$		May 9, 2003

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 6, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Commemorations

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jan 7, 2003)

Constitutional Amendment - Declares that the Congress and the States shall have power to prohibit desecration of the U.S. flag and to set criminal penalties for such act.

Actions Timeline

- Mar 6, 2003: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.
- Jan 7, 2003: Introduced in House
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- Jan 7, 2003: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E5)
- Jan 7, 2003: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.