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## HIRES 9

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States with respect to the right to life.

Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues

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/9

# **Sponsor**

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

Party: Republican • State: MO • Chamber: House

### **Cosponsors** (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Stearns, Cliff [R-FL-6]	$R \cdot FL$		Mar 4, 2003
Rep. Barrett, J. Gresham [R-SC-3]	$R \cdot SC$		Jun 26, 2003
Rep. DeMint, Jim [R-SC-4]	$R \cdot SC$		Jul 22, 2004

### **Committee Activity**

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

### **Subjects & Policy Tags**

### **Policy Area:**

Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues

## **Related Bills**

No related bills are listed.

### Summary (as of Jan 7, 2003)

Constitutional Amendment - Declares that the word "person," as used in this amendment and in the fifth and 14th amendments to the Constitution, applies to all human beings regardless of age, health, function, or condition of dependency, including unborn offspring at every stage of their biological development. Prohibits depriving any unborn person of life. Declares that this amendment does not: (1) prohibit a law permitting medical procedures required to prevent the death of the mother of an unborn person; or (2) limit the liberty of a mother regarding the unborn offspring conceived as a result of rape or incest.

# **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 E6)
- Jan 7, 2003: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.