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SJRES 6

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to ensure continuity of congressional operations and the avoidance of martial law in the event of mass incapacitations or death in either House of Congress.

Congress: 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

Chamber: Senate Policy Area: Congress Introduced: Feb 17, 2005

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Feb 17, 2005) Official Text: https://www.congress.gov/bill/109th-congress/senate-joint-resolution/6

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]

Party: Republican • State: TX • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Chambliss, Saxby [R-GA]	$R \cdot GA$		Feb 17, 2005

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 17, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Feb 17, 2005)

Constitutional Amendment - Authorizes the Congress by law (approved by two-thirds of both Houses) to provide for the death or inability of Members of the House of Representatives and Members of the Senate, in the event that one-fourth of either House is killed or incapacitated, declaring who shall serve until the disability is removed, or a new Member is elected.

Declares that such procedures shall expire by 120 days after the death or inability of one-fourth of the House or the Senate. Allows an additional 120-day extension, however, if one-fourth of either House remains vacant or occupied by members unable to serve.

Actions Timeline
 Feb 17, 2005: Introduced in Senate Feb 17, 2005: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.