

SJRES 4

A joint resolution removing the deadline for the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment.

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues

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Current Status: Motion by Senator Schumer to reconsider the vote by which cloture on the motion to proceed to S.J. R

Latest Action: Motion by Senator Schumer to reconsider the vote by which cloture on the motion to proceed to S.J. Res. 4 was not invoked (Record Vote No. 99) entered in Senate. (Apr 27, 2023)

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Party: Democratic • **State:** MD • **Chamber:** Senate

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Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Mar 6, 2023
Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		Mar 6, 2023
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Mar 6, 2023
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Mar 6, 2023
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Mar 6, 2023
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Mar 6, 2023
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Mar 6, 2023
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Mar 6, 2023
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Mar 6, 2023
Sen. Fetterman, John [D-PA]	D · PA		Mar 6, 2023
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Mar 6, 2023
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Mar 6, 2023
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Mar 6, 2023
Sen. Hickenlooper, John W. [D-CO]	D · CO		Mar 6, 2023
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Mar 6, 2023
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Mar 6, 2023
Sen. Kelly, Mark [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Mar 6, 2023
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Mar 6, 2023
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Mar 6, 2023
Sen. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM]	D · NM		Mar 6, 2023
Sen. Manchin, Joe, III [D-WV]	D · WV		Mar 6, 2023
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Mar 6, 2023
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Mar 6, 2023
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Mar 6, 2023
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Mar 6, 2023
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Mar 6, 2023
Sen. Ossoff, Jon [D-GA]	D · GA		Mar 6, 2023
Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]	D · CA		Mar 6, 2023
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Mar 6, 2023
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Mar 6, 2023
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Mar 6, 2023
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Mar 6, 2023
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Mar 6, 2023
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Mar 6, 2023
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Mar 6, 2023

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Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [I-AZ]	I · AZ		Mar 6, 2023
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Mar 6, 2023
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Mar 6, 2023
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Mar 6, 2023
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Mar 6, 2023
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Sen. Warnock, Raphael G. [D-GA]	D · GA		Mar 6, 2023
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Sen. Welch, Peter [D-VT]	D · VT		Mar 6, 2023
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Mar 6, 2023
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Mar 6, 2023
Sen. Butler, Laphonza R. [D-CA]	D · CA		Jan 30, 2024

Committee Activity

No committee referrals or activity are recorded for this bill.

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HJRES 25	Identical bill	Jul 18, 2023: Motion to Discharge Committee filed by Ms. Pressley. Petition No: 118-6. (Discharge petition text with signatures.)

Summary (as of Jan 24, 2023)

This joint resolution provides that the Equal Rights Amendment, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex, was ratified by three-fourths of the states and is therefore a valid constitutional amendment, regardless of any time limit that was in the original proposal.

The Equal Rights Amendment was originally proposed to the states in 1972. The original proposal included a deadline for ratification of March 22, 1979; Congress subsequently extended the deadline to June 30, 1982. Although the requisite 38 states have ratified the amendment, three of these states did so after the deadlines, and five states subsequently rescinded their ratifications. The status of the amendment has been the subject of litigation.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 27, 2023:** Motion to proceed to measure considered in Senate. (CR S1403)
- **Apr 27, 2023:** Cloture on the motion to proceed to the measure not invoked in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 51 - 47. Record Vote Number: 99. (CR S1406)
- **Apr 27, 2023:** Motion by Senator Schumer to reconsider the vote by which cloture on the motion to proceed to S.J. Res. 4 was not invoked (Record Vote No. 99) entered in Senate.
- **Apr 26, 2023:** Motion to proceed to measure considered in Senate. (CR S1365)
- **Apr 25, 2023:** Motion to proceed to consideration of measure made in Senate. (CR S1322)
- **Apr 25, 2023:** Cloture motion on the motion to proceed to the measure presented in Senate. (CR S1322)
- **Jan 25, 2023:** Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 3.
- **Jan 24, 2023:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 24, 2023:** Introduced in the Senate. Read the first time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under Read the First Time.