

107TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION **H. J. RES. 77**

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
DECEMBER 5, 2001

Ms. LOFGREN introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States regarding the appointment of individuals to serve as Members of the House of Representatives when, in a national emergency, a significant number of Members are unable to serve.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within seven years after the date of its submission for ratification:

“ARTICLE —

“SECTION 1. Congress may by law provide for the appointment of temporary members of the House of Representatives to serve during any period in which 30 percent or more of the seats of the House of Representatives are vacant due to death or resignation.

“SECTION 2. Any temporary member appointed pursuant to a law enacted to carry out this article shall serve until a member is elected to fill the vacancy in accordance with the applicable laws regarding special elections in the State involved.”