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A CONCURRENT MEMORIAL

URGING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO PROPOSE AN AMENDMENT TO THE
CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES TO REPEAL THE REQUIREMENT FOR DIRECT
ELECTION OF UNITED STATES SENATORS.

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1 To the Congress of the United States of America:

2 Your memorialist respectfully represents:

3 Whereas, the people of the State of Arizona view with growing concern
4 the ongoing failure of political will exhibited by the members of the United
5 States Senate with respect to federal issues that are of grave concern to the
6 people of this state; and

7 Whereas, this lack of responsiveness by the members of the United
8 States Senate to the needs of the states is attributable to the skewing of
9 the legislative checks and balances system originally established by the
10 founders of this country in the United States Constitution as originally
11 adopted; and

12 Whereas, the people of this state firmly believe that a return to the
13 original structure of the United States Congress is required and that this
14 nation is best served by returning to the prior constitutional system that
15 provided for each state's legislature to elect that state's United States
16 senators.

17 Wherefore your memorialist, the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of
18 Representatives concurring, prays:

19 1. That, pursuant to article V of the Constitution of the United
20 States, the Congress of the United States propose an amendment to the
21 Constitution of the United States, to be ratified by the legislatures or by
22 conventions in three-fourths of the several states, as follows:

23 Amendment XVII, Constitution of the United States,
24 relating to the election of United States senators from the
25 several states, is repealed.

26 2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit a copy
27 of this Memorial to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of
28 the United States House of Representatives and each Member of Congress from
29 the State of Arizona.

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