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HR 20 – AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE RESOLUTION *20*

A RESOLUTION urging Congress to pass a pending resolution proposing an amendment to the United States Constitution relating to voluntary school prayer.

SPONSORS: Rep. R. Nowe, Rock 3; Rep. Brothers, Graf 6; Rep. Chandler, Carr 1; Rep. K. Herman, Hills, 13; Rep. Buckley, Hills 44

COMMITTEE: State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs

ANALYSIS

This house resolution urges Congress to pass a pending resolution proposing an amendment to the United States Constitution permitting voluntary prayer in public schools and other public institutions.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand

A RESOLUTION urging Congress to pass a pending resolution proposing an amendment to the United States Constitution relating to voluntary school prayer.

Whereas Congress is currently considering a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the United States Constitution relative to voluntary school prayer which reads as follows:

"Nothing in this Constitution shall be construed to prohibit individual or group prayer in public schools or other public institutions. No person shall be required by the United States or by any State to participate in prayer. Neither the United States nor any State shall compose the words of any prayer to be said in public schools."; and

Whereas the New Hampshire house of representatives finds that said resolution duly embodies the core principals of liberty and tolerance inherent in a free and democratic society; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the New Hampshire house of representatives urges Congress to pass the above-mentioned resolution so that it may be put to a ratification vote of the several states, and

That the clerk of the New Hampshire house of representatives shall forward copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, and members of the New Hampshire congressional delegation.

Speakers

10AM

SIGN UP SHEET

To Register Opinion If Not Speaking

Bill # HR 20 Date 1/26/00

Committee State-Federal

** Please Print All Information **

Name	Address	Phone	Representing	(check one) Pro	Con
Rep Phyllis Katsakiri			Rock	✓	
Rep George Katsakiris			1	✓	
Rep. Janet S. Arndt			Rock 27	✓	
State Legislator Mary Lou Munn			Rock 4	✓	
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[illegible]		Hills #45		✓	
Peter Sabol		Hills # 18		✓	
Bob Fesler		Rock 13		✓	✓
Pam White		Hills 25		✓	
		Dos 5		✓	
Mike Downing		Rock-26		✓	
Rep. Margaret Cargo		Rock 2		✓	
Rep Mary Gerber		Destrehan 27		✓	
Rep. Harry [illegible]				✓	
[illegible]		[illegible]		✓	
Robert Clegg		District 23		✓	
NRS/C-10 (REP PAUL MIRSKY GRAFTON 12)				X	

Hearing Minutes

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

PUBLIC HEARING ON HR20

BILL TITLE: urging Congress to pass a pending resultion proposing an amendment to the United States Constitution relating to voluntary school prayer.

DATE: January 26, 2000

LOB ROOM: 307 **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 10:05am

Time Adjourned: 10:15am

(please circle if present)

Committee Members: Reps. Tufts, G. Gagnon, Fields, Fenton, Rubin, N. Reardon, D. Flanders, Dalianis, Marple, D. Ouellette, Priestley, Quandt, Young, Lynott, Domingo, Drabinowicz, Herman, J. McDonald, Vincent, Twardus, G. Johnson and McDonough-Wallace.

Bill Sponsors: Rep. R. Nowe, Rep. Brothers, Rep. Chandler, Rep. K. Herman, Rep. Buckley

TESTIMONY

* Use asterisk if written testimony and/or amendments are submitted.

Rep. R. Nowe, Sponsor, spoke in support. Petition was mailed to congressional delegates. No questions.

Rep. Herman spoke in support and agreed with remarks by prime sponsor, Rep. Ronald Nowe.

Claire Ebel, NHCLU (NH Civil Liberties Union), stated that the wording of the resolution is nor necessary. Any student can pray in the playgrounds, at flag ceremonies, etc. This is intent to allow school principals to regiment prayer.

Rep. R. Nowe, submitted a copy of the actual congressional resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

James J. Fenton

James J. Fenton, Clerk

Public Hearing 1-26-00

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Rep. Herman - supports, agrees with remarks of prime sponsor. This resolution simply allows an individual to exercise that prerogative.

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Closed @ 10:15 AM

Sub-Committee Minutes

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

SUBCOMMITTEE WORK SESSION ON HR20

BILL TITLE: urging Congress to pass a pending resolution proposing an amendment to the United States Constitution relating to voluntary school prayer.

DATE: February 22, 2000

Subcommittee Members: Reps. Fenton, McDonald, Twardus, Fields, Rubin, Johnson

Comments and Recommendations: Meeting opened at 1:00pm. Rep. Fields read the title on the bill.

Rep. Johnson explained this bill from a ministerial view. He provided the committee with much material that addressed the bill from a religious point of view.

Rep. McDonald questioned one paragraph in a document supplied by Rep. Johnson.

Claire Ebel, NHCLU, responded to a question put to her by Rep. Marple. The Supreme Court has not defined what is a religion and what is not a religion. Secular humanism is not a permitted practice for can it be defined.

Another committee meeting will be scheduled after the break. General discussion ensued. Meeting adjourned at 2:10pm

Amendments:

Sponsor: Rep. OLS Document #:

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Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Re-Refer, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep.

Seconded by Rep.

Vote:

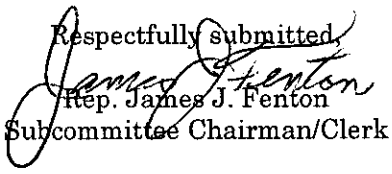
Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Re-Refer, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep.

Seconded by Rep.

Vote:

Respectfully submitted,



Rep. James J. Fenton
Subcommittee Chairman/Clerk

HR-20 JUD-committee 2/22/2000

1:00pm.

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From: Nicole Lake <lake@au.org>
To: gljohnson@cyberportal.net <gljohnson@cyberportal.net>
Date: Friday, February 11, 2000 3:00 PM
Subject: Joint Statement

Religion in the Public Schools: A Joint Statement of Current Law
April 1995

Drafting Committee: American Jewish Congress, American Civil Liberties Union, American Jewish Committee, American Muslim Council, Anti-Defamation League, Baptist Joint Committee, Christian Legal Society, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, National Association of Evangelicals, National Council of Churches, People for the American Way, Union of American Hebrew Congregations

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Current Law Regarding Religion in the Public Schools

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Testimony

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Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to voluntary school prayer. (Introduced in the Senate)

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106th CONGRESS

1st Session

S. J. RES. 1

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to voluntary school prayer.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

January 19, 1999

Mr. THURMOND introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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JOINT RESOLUTION

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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 hereby 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 if ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within seven years from the date of its submission to the States by the Congress:

`Article--

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I am Representative Mary Lou Nowe, representing Rockingham County, District 4, which includes Epping, Nottingham and Northwood. I come before you in support of HR20.

Our schools are in crisis. Disrespect among school age children is on the increase around the nation and here in New Hampshire. The ***Golden Rule,*** which was once taught in the home and reinforced in the schools, has become non-existent. It was an expected part of what was cherished in the schools in order to build character, morality, patriotism and respect for others.

We need to get back to living under the ***Golden Rule*** if we are to preserve our free society for our children. As President Clinton stated recently: "Schools do more than train children's minds. They also help to nurture their souls by reinforcing the values they learn at home and in their communities."

You can see opportunity afford us to support the President's position when you consider that 88% of American's children are educated in the public school system. We have the perfect situation in which to model the behavior president Clinton encouraged in his May 30, 1998 directive as stated to the US Department of Education, Secretary Richard W. Riley.

"One of the best ways we can help out schools to do this is by supporting students rights to voluntarily practice their religious beliefs including prayer in schools."

Therefore, I ask this committee for your support on this legislation with a recommendation of ***Ought to Pass***. God Bless Us All and God Bless America.

Thank you.

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SECRETARIAT FOR PASTORAL SERVICES
Diocese of Manchester

February 14, 2000

The Honorable J. Arthur Tufts, Chair
State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs Committee
New Hampshire House of Representatives
State House
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Representative Tufts and Distinguished Members of the Committee:

I write on behalf of the Diocese of Manchester **in support of HR 20 relative to voluntary prayer in public schools and other public institutions**. Since it is the constitutional right of every citizen of the State of New Hampshire and of the United States of America to the free exercise of religion, we urge you to support this bill **which does not require, but simply permits,** voluntary prayer. This bill, for example, would permit school districts throughout our state to authorize a period of time in the school day for silent reflections that would be representative of a pupil's personal religious beliefs. The legislation would also permit other public institutions to authorize a period of time for the same purpose.

The Diocese of Manchester is convinced that the provisions of HR 20 are a legitimate expression of the constitutional right of every United States citizen to the free exercise of religion and that this legislation does not infringe upon the disestablishment clause of the U.S. Constitution. Authorizing school districts to permit the opportunity in the school day for silent reflections representative of a student's personal religious beliefs teaches our children that belief in God is neither contrary to good citizenship nor an impediment to the pursuit of a quality education. Permitting voluntary prayer, moreover, in now way infringes on the rights of any students who may wish to use this period of silent time for reflections other than those of personal religious belief. Because belief in God remains the bedrock of our State and of our nation, the Diocese of Manchester urges the members of the committee to vote favorably on HR 20.

Thanking you for your service to the people of New Hampshire, I am,

Sincerely,

(Rev. Msgr.) Norman P. Bolduc
Chancellor
Secretary for Pastoral Services

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Voting Sheets

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HR20

BILL TITLE: **urging Congress to pass a pending resolution proposing an amendment to the United States Constitution relating to voluntary school prayer.**

DATE: February 09, 2000

LOB ROOM: 306

Amendments:

Sponsor: Rep. OLS Document #:

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Sponsor: Rep. OLS Document #:

Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Re-Refer, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. Johnson

Seconded by Rep. Fields

Vote: 4-8 (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Re-Refer, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. Johnson VOICE VOTE TO TABLE DISCUSSION

Seconded by Rep. Domingo

Vote: Unanimous

CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE:

(Vote to place on Consent Calendar must be unanimous.)

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Dennis H. Fields, Clerk pro-tem

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HR20

BILL TITLE: **urging Congress to pass a pending resolution proposing an amendment to the United States Constitution relating to voluntary school prayer.**

DATE: 2/9/2000

LOB ROOM: 306

Amendments:

Sponsor: Rep. ~~[illegible]~~ OLS Document #:

Sponsor: Rep. ~~[illegible]~~ OLS Document #:

Sponsor: Rep. ~~[illegible]~~ OLS Document #:

Motions: OTP, OTP/A, (ITL), Re-Refer, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. JOHNSON

Seconded by Rep. FIELDS

Vote: (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Re-Refer, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

(TABLE)

Moved by Rep. JOHNSON VOICE VOTE

Seconded by Rep. DOYLE

Vote: (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE:

(Vote to place on Consent Calendar must be unanimous.)

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

~~Rep. James J. Fenton~~, Clerk

Dennis FIELDS

OFFICE OF THE HOUSE CLERK 2000 SESSION

STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

Bill #: HR 20 **Title:** _____

PH Date: 1/1/ **Exec Session Date:** 2/9/2000

Motion: ITL **Amendment #:** _____

MEMBER	YEAS	NAYS
Tufts, J Arthur, Chairman	✓	
Gagnon, Eugene L, V Chairman		✓
Fields, Dennis H		✓
Fenton, James J, Clerk		
Rubin, George R		
Reardon, Neil J		
Flanders, David A		
Dalianis, Griffin T		✓
Marple, Richard	✓	
Ouellette, Dean		
Priestley, Anne K		
Quandt, Marshall E		
Young, David A		✓
Lynott, Margaret E		✓
Domingo, Baldwin M	✓	
Drabinowicz, A Theresa		
Herman, Richard P		✓
McDonald, James A		✓
Vincent, Francis C		
Twardus, Joseph R		✓
Johnson, Gary Lance	✓	
McDonough-Wallace, Alice T		✓
TOTAL VOTE:	7	8

Printed: 1/19/2000

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HR20

BILL TITLE: **urging Congress to pass a pending resolution proposing an amendment to the United States Constitution relating to voluntary school prayer.**

DATE: February 16, 2000

LOB ROOM: 306

Amendments:

Sponsor: Rep. OLS Document #:

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Sponsor: Rep. OLS Document #:

Motions: (OTP) OTP/A, ITL, Re-Refer, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. McDonough-Wallace

Seconded by Rep. Quandt

Vote: 8-5 (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Re-Refer, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep.

Seconded by Rep.

Vote: (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE:

(Vote to place on Consent Calendar must be unanimous.)

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Dennis H. Fields, Clerk pro-tem

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DATE:

LOB ROOM:

Amendments:

Sponsor: Rep. OLS Document #:

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Motions: ~~OTP~~ OTP/A, ITL, Re-Refer, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. McDonough - withdrew

Seconded by Rep. Gunnoe

Vote: Yes 8 No 5 (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Re-Refer, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep.

Seconded by Rep.

Vote: (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE:

(Vote to place on Consent Calendar must be unanimous.)

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. _____ Clerk

OFFICE OF THE HOUSE CLERK 2000 SESSION

STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

Bill #: HB 20 **Title:** _____

PH Date: ____/____/____ **Exec Session Date:** ____/____/____

Motion: OTP **Amendment #:** 2/16/2000

MEMBER	YEAS	NAYS
Tufts, J Arthur, Chairman	/	
Gagnon, Eugene L, V Chairman	/	
Fields, Dennis H		/
Fenton, James J, Clerk		
Rubin, George R		/
Reardon, Neil J		
Flanders, David A		
Dalianis, Griffin T		
Marple, Richard		
Ouellette, Dean		
Priestley, Anne K		
Quandt, Marshall E	/	
Young, David A		
Lynott, Margaret E		/
Domingo, Baldwin M		/
Drabinowicz, A Theresa	/	
Herman, Richard P	/	/
McDonald, James A	/	
Vincent, Francis C		
Twardus, Joseph R	/	
Johnson, Gary Lance		
McDonough-Wallace, Alice T	/	
Pete Cote	/	

TOTAL VOTE: YEAS 8 NAYS 5

Printed: 1/19/2000

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HR20

BILL TITLE: **urging Congress to pass a pending resolution proposing an amendment to the United States Constitution relating to voluntary school prayer.**

DATE: February 16, 2000

LOB ROOM: 306

Amendments:

Sponsor: Rep. OLS Document #:

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Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Re-Refer, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. Lynott

Seconded by Rep. Rubin

Vote: 5-8 (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Re-Refer, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. Herman

Seconded by Rep. Domingo

Vote: 6-7 (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE:

(Vote to place on Consent Calendar must be unanimous.)

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Dennis H. Fields, Clerk pro-tem

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HR 20

BILL TITLE: HR 20

DATE: 2/16

LOB ROOM: 306

Amendments:

Sponsor: Rep. _____ OLS Document #: _____ Adopted/Failed

Sponsor: Rep. _____ OLS Document #: _____ Adopted/Failed

Sponsor: Rep. _____ OLS Document #: _____ Adopted/Failed

Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Re-Refer, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. ITL Lynn H.

Seconded by Rep. Rubin

Vote: _____ (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

Yeas 5 8 Nays.

Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Re-Refer, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. Hanley

Seconded by Rep. Domenico

Vote: 6-7 (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE: [redacted]

(Vote to place on Consent Calendar must be unanimous.)

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep ~~James J. Fenton~~, Clerk

OFFICE OF THE HOUSE CLERK 2000 SESSION

STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

Bill #: HR 20 **Title:** _____

PH Date: ___/___/___ **Exec Session Date:** 2/16/2000

Motion: OTP **Amendment #:** _____

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Gagnon, Eugene L, V Chairman		/
Fields, Dennis H	/	
Fenton, James J, Clerk		
Rubin, George R	/	
Reardon, Neil J		
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McDonald, James A		/
Vincent, Francis C		/
Twardus, Joseph R		/
Johnson, Gary Lance		
McDonough-Wallace, Alice T		/
Peter Cote		/
	Yeas	Nays
TOTAL VOTE:	5	8

Printed: 1/19/2000

OFFICE OF THE HOUSE CLERK 2000 SESSION

STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

Bill #: HB 20 **Title:** _____

PH Date: ___/___/___ **Exec Session Date:** 2/16/2000

Motion: INTERIM STUDY **Amendment #:** _____

MEMBER	YEAS	NAYS
Tufts, J Arthur, Chairman	/	
Gagnon, Eugene L, V Chairman		/
Fields, Dennis H	/	
Fenton, James J, Clerk		
Rubin, George R	/	
Reardon, Neil J		
Flanders, David A		
Dalianis, Griffin T		
Marple, Richard		
Ouellette, Dean		
Priestley, Anne K		
Quandt, Marshall E		/
Young, David A		
Lynott, Margaret E	/	
Domingo, Baldwin M	/	
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Herman, Richard P	/	
McDonald, James A		/
Vincent, Francis C		
Twardus, Joseph R		/
Johnson, Gary Lance		
McDonough-Wallace, Alice T		/
Peter Cote	6	/

TOTAL VOTE: Yes 6 Nays 7
Printed: 1/19/2000

Committee Report

MAJORITY
COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: **State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs**

BILL NUMBER: **HR 20**

TITLE: urging Congress to pass a pending resolution proposing an amendment to the United States Constitution relating to voluntary school prayer.

DATE: March 08, 2000 CONSENT CALENDAR YES ☐ NO ☒

☒ OUGHT TO PASS

☐ OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

☐ INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

☐ RE-REFER

☐ REFER TO COMMITTEE FOR INTERIM STUDY
(Available only in second year of biennium.)

STATEMENT OF INTENT
(Include Committee Vote)

This bill only sends a message to Congress to support Senate Joint Resolution (SJR) 1, which does not mandate or enact any laws. The bill and federal article do not mandate any school prayer or meditation in public buildings. Congress is urged to adopt this federal resolution. "*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-thirds each House concurring therein).* That the following article is hereby 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 if ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within seven years from the date of its submission to the States by the Congress". The federal article for insertion into the Constitution is: "Nothing in this Constitution shall be construed to prohibit individual or group prayer in public schools or other public institutions. No person shall be required by the United States or by any State to participate in prayer. Neither the United States nor any State shall compose the words of any prayer to be said in public schools".

Vote 8-5.

Rep. J. Arthur Tufts
FOR THE MAJORITY

Original: House Clerk
cc: Committee Bill file

USE ANOTHER REPORT FOR MINORITY REPORT

State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs

HR 20, urging Congress to pass a pending resolution proposing an amendment to the United States Constitution relating to voluntary school prayer. OUGHT TO PASS

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8-5

HR20 Vote: ~~5-8~~ OTP

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MINORITY
COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: **State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs**

BILL NUMBER: **HR 20**

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DATE: March 08, 2000 CONSENT CALENDAR YES ☐ NO ☒

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☒ INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

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STATEMENT OF INTENT
(Include Committee Vote)

The minority felt that to request to amend the Constitution of the United States required additional study by the committee.

Vote

Rep. George R. Rubin
FOR THE MINORITY

Original: House Clerk
cc: Committee Bill file

State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs

HR 20, urging Congress to pass a pending resolution proposing an amendment to the United States Constitution relating to voluntary school prayer. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. George R. Rubin for State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs: The minority felt that to request to amend the Constitution of the United States required additional study by the committee.

REP GEORGE R. RUBIN for the Minority of the State Federal Relations and Veterans affairs. the Minority feel that to request ~~a amendment~~ to amend the Constitution of the United States required additional study by the Committee.

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1/5/2000	H	Introduced and ref to St-Fed Rel & Vets; HJ5, p106
1/5/2000	H	Copy to Chairman on 12/22/1999
1/18/2000	H	Hearing Jan 26 10:00 RM307,LOB
3/8/2000	H	Maj Report OTP for Mar 23 (vote 8-5;Reg)
3/8/2000	H	Min Report ITL
3/23/2000	H	Rep E Gagnon moved LOT, ML DIV(156-185); OTP ML RC(162-179); Rep G Johnson moved ITL,
3/23/2000	H	ITL Report Adopted DIV(199-141); Rep G Johnson moved to reconsider, ML VV; HJ26, p845-847

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