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H. R. 77

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States with
respect to the right to life.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 3, 2001

Mrs. EMERSON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United
States with respect to the right to life.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That the following article is proposed as an amendment
4 to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be
5 valid only when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths
6 of the several States within seven years after the date of
7 final passage of this joint resolution:

8 “ARTICLE —

9 “SECTION 1. With respect to the right to life, the
10 word ‘person’ as used in this article and in the fifth and

1 fourteenth articles of amendment applies to all human
2 beings irrespective of age, health, function, or condition
3 of dependency, including their unborn offspring at every
4 state of their biological development.

5 “SECTION 2. No unborn person shall be deprived of
6 life by any person: *Provided, however,* That nothing in this
7 article shall prohibit a law permitting only those medical
8 procedures required to prevent the death of the mother
9 of an unborn person: *Provided further,* That nothing in
10 this article shall limit the liberty of a mother with respect
11 to the unborn offspring of the mother conceived as a result
12 of rape or incest.

13 “SECTION 3. The Congress and the several States
14 shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate leg-
15 islation.”.

