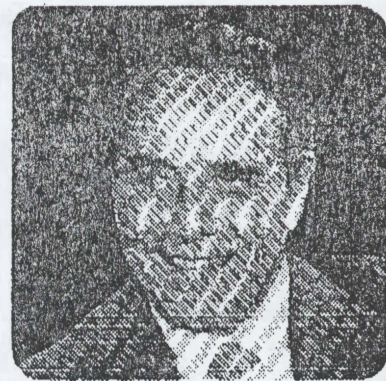


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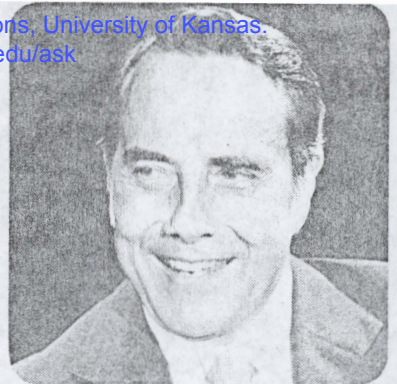
DOLE HOPES HOUSE CAN PROTECT FLAG;
IF NOT, SENATE CAN SAVE THE DAY
SEND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT BACK TO THE HOUSE FOR NEW VOTE

"I HOPE THE HOUSE DOES THE RIGHT THING TOMORROW BY PASSING A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO PROTECT OUR FLAG. IF NOT, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL BE COUNTING ON THE SENATE TO SAVE OLD GLORY FROM THE DESECRATORS. IF THE HOUSE TURNS ITS BACK ON A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT, THE STAKES IN THE SENATE WILL BE SKY HIGH," DOLE SAID. "LET'S HOPE THE FLAG WON'T BE FLYING AT HALF STAFF OVER THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THURSDAY. BUT IF IT IS, IT WILL BE UP TO US IN THE SENATE TO RESCUE THE FLAG, TO SPEAK FOR THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF AMERICANS, AND TO GIVE THE HOUSE ONE MORE CHANCE TO COME THROUGH FOR OLD GLORY.

"CONGRESS IS ONLY THE FIRST STEP IN THIS PROCESS. THE STATES DESERVE THE RIGHT TO ADD THEIR VOICES TO THE DEBATE -- THAT'S WHAT THE FOUNDING FATHERS INTENDED WHEN THEY DESIGNED THE CONSTITUTION. LET'S LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE FOR A CHANGE INSTEAD OF THE ACADEMICS, THE LIBERAL EDITORIAL WRITERS AND THE INSIDE THE BELTWAY CROWD. AFTER ALL, IT'S 'WE THE PEOPLE', NOT 'WE THE CONGRESS.'"

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101ST CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. J. RES. 332

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing the Congress and the States to prohibit the physical desecration of the Flag of the United States.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 25 (legislative day, APRIL 18), 1990

Mr. HATFIELD (for Mr. DOLE) introduced the following joint resolution; which was read the first time

JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing the Congress and the States to prohibit the physical desecration of the Flag of the United States.

Whereas the Flag of the United States of America is a national symbol of such stature that it must be kept inviolate;

Whereas the physical desecration of the Flag should not be considered constitutionally protected speech; and

Whereas physical desecration may include, but is not limited to, such acts as burning, mutilating, defacing, defiling or trampling on the Flag, or displaying the Flag in a contemptuous manner: Now, therefore, be it

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 —

"The Congress and the States shall have power to prohibit the physical desecration of the Flag of the United States."