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Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to equal rights for men and women.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SMITH of New Jersey submitted the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled*
3 *(two-thirds of each House concurring therein),* That the fol-
4 lowing article is proposed as an amendment to the Con-
5 stitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all
6 intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when
7 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several
8 States within seven years after the date of its submission
9 for ratification:

1 “ARTICLE —

2 “SECTION 1. Equality of rights under the law shall
3 not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any
4 State on account of sex.

5 “SECTION 2. The Congress shall have the power to
6 enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this
7 article.

8 “SECTION 3. Nothing in this article shall be con-
9 strued to grant or secure any right relating to abortion
10 or the funding thereof.

11 “SECTION 4. This amendment shall take effect two
12 years after the date of ratification.”.

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