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Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the the United States to
protect the rights of crime victims.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. KYL (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. EXON) introduced the follow-
ing joint resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee
on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United
States to protect the rights of crime victims.

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-*
3 *thirds of each House concurring therein),* That the follow-
4 ing article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitu-
5 tion of the United States, which shall be valid for all in-
6 tents and purposes as part of the Constitution when rati-
7 fied by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several
8 States within seven years from the date of its submission
9 by the Congress:

1 “SECTION 3. The Congress and the States shall have
2 the power to enforce this article within their respective
3 Federal and State jurisdictions by appropriate legislation,
4 including the power to enact exceptions when required for
5 compelling reasons of public safety.

6 “SECTION 4. The rights established by this article
7 shall be applicable to all proceedings occurring after ratifi-
8 cation of this article.

9 “SECTION 5. The rights established by this article
10 shall apply in all Federal, State, military, and juvenile jus-
11 tice proceedings, and shall also apply to victims in the Dis-
12 trict of Columbia, and any commonwealth, territory, or
13 possession of the United States.”.

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