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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
105TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 757, JOINT RESOLUTION  
MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS TO CALL A CONVENTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
AMENDING THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION TO PERMIT VOLUNTARY  
PRAYER IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Amend said Joint Resolution in the Title by striking  
out the capitalized words "TO CALL A CONVENTION"

Further amend said Joint Resolution by striking out all  
of the 2nd and 3rd paragraphs and inserting in place thereof  
the following:

'WHEREAS, constitutional silence on prayer in the public  
school system has given way to widespread confusion and concern  
among the people of Maine; and

WHEREAS, the Congress is empowered under Article V to propose  
amendments to the Constitution of the United States whenever  
two-thirds of both Houses shall deem it necessary; and

WHEREAS, the people of Maine, through appropriate action,  
have deemed it essential for the preservation of public peace  
that the Congress propose an amendment to the Constitution  
providing for voluntary prayer in the public schools; now,  
therefore, be it'

Further amend said Joint Resolution in the 4th paragraph  
by striking out in the 3rd line the words "make application"  
and inserting in place thereof the words 'urge and recommend'

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Further amend said Joint Resolution in the 4th paragraph by striking out in the 3rd and 4th lines the words "to call a convention" and inserting in place thereof the following: 'that action be taken'

Further amend said Joint Resolution in the 5th paragraph by striking out in the 3rd line the words "for a convention"

Proposed by Senator:

(Hichens)

NAME: *Walter W. Hichens*

COUNTY: York

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