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JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9.

WHEREAS, Article V of the Constitution of the United States provides that "the congress, whenever two-thirds of both houses shall deem it necessary, shall propose amendments to this constitution, or on the application of the legislatures of two-thirds of the several states shall call a convention for proposing amendments, which in either case shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of this constitution, when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states, or by convention in three-fourths thereof," etc., and

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States has on four separate occasions passed by a two-thirds vote a resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution providing for the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people, and

WHEREAS, the United States senate has each time refused to consider or vote upon said resolution, thereby denying to the people of the several states a chance to secure this much desired change in the method of electing senators, therefore be it

RESOLVED by the Senate and Assembly of the state of Wisconsin, that, under the authority of Article V of the Constitution of the United States, application is hereby made to Congress to forthwith call a constitutional convention for the purpose of submitting to the states for ratification, an amendment to the Federal Constitution providing for the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people; and

RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State be and is hereby directed to forward a proper authenticated copy of these resolutions to the President of the United States, to the President of the Senate of the United States and to the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States.