

SENATE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 9

By COMMITTEE ON RULES

May 15

1 Delete lines 2 through 16 of the printed joint memorial and insert:

2 “To the President of the United States and the Senate and the House of Representatives of the
3 United States of America, in Congress assembled:

4 “We, your memorialists, the Seventy-fourth Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, in leg-
5 islative session assembled, respectfully represent as follows:

6 “Whereas the people of the United States depend upon the Armed Forces of the United States
7 to secure freedom through rigorous defense of the air, land, and seas; and

8 “Whereas the Armed Forces of the United States depend upon the National Guard and the Na-
9 tional Guard Reserve to fight and win wars; and

10 “Whereas the United States was founded on the premise of the citizen soldier as the primary
11 form of defense; and

12 “Whereas the National Guard has demonstrated its valuable wartime skills and training when
13 called into service of the state for natural disasters and in homeland defense; and

14 “Whereas the Armed Forces of the United States provide for an orderly four- to six-month pre-
15 deployment ‘train-up’ mobilization schedule designed to prepare National Guard and National Guard
16 Reservists for the rigors and complexities of the war in Iraq; and

17 “Whereas the Armed Forces of the United States make inadequate provision for the transition
18 of National Guard and National Guard Reservists from active duty service to civilian life, allowing
19 only about 10 days; and

20 “Whereas the Armed Forces of the United States are calling upon the National Guard and Na-
21 tional Guard Reserve to perform more duties, and for longer periods of time, than has been the case
22 since World War II; and

23 “Whereas the Armed Forces of the United States continue to rely upon National Guard and
24 National Guard Reservists to voluntarily leave friends, family and living wage jobs to serve the
25 needs of our nation, our state and our communities; now, therefore,”.

26 Delete lines 18 through 24 and insert:

27 “That we, the members of the Seventy-fourth Legislative Assembly, respectfully urge the Con-
28 gress of the United States to pass legislation and appropriate funds for an orderly transition for
29 National Guard and National Guard Reservists to civilian life following active service; and be it
30 further

31 “Resolved, That we, the members of the Seventy-fourth Legislative Assembly, respectfully urge
32 the Congress of the United States to pass legislation requiring the United States Secretary of De-
33 fense, working with the Adjutants General of the several states, to develop a coordinated, orderly
34 transition program and to fund that program from accounts held in arrears for post-deployment un-
35 employment benefits; and be it further

1 “Resolved, That a copy of this memorial shall be sent to the President of the United States, to
2 the Senate Majority Leader, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to each member
3 of the Oregon Congressional Delegation.”

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