House Joint Memorial 6
Sponsored by Representative EVANS

SUMMARY
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Urges Congress to pass legislation to streamline presidential appointment process. Urges Congress to adopt rules of proceeding to require formal disposition of nomination within 200 days of date Senate receives nomination.

JOINT MEMORIAL
To the President of the United States and the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled:
We, your memorialists, the Eightieth Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, in legislative session assembled, respectfully represent as follows:
Whereas when a president-elect is newly voted into office, the president-elect and transition team face the daunting task of locating, screening, nominating and obtaining Senate approval for thousands of positions; and
Whereas the presidential appointment process has consistently grown more unwieldy and cumbersome with each passing decade; and
Whereas it is often more than a year into a new administration before a majority of presidential appointments are nominated and some positions remain vacant for multiple years; and
Whereas Senate approval of presidential appointees delays the process even further; and
Whereas influential Senators exercise the practice of placing a hold on a nominee to delay or stop an appointment; and
Whereas individual Senators use holds to extract concessions from an administration or influence the direction an agency is to take, further slowing down the appointment process; and
Whereas key government positions are retained by holdover officials from a prior administration who may be unsympathetic to the current administration’s goals and objectives; and
Whereas vacant positions or holdover officials impede the speed with which a new administration can fully discharge its obligations to the American people; and
Whereas an excessively slow appointment process also prevents the public from holding public officials to account; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:
That we, the members of the Eightieth Legislative Assembly, urge the Congress of the United States to pass legislation that streamlines the presidential appointment process; and be it further
Resolved, That we also urge Congress to adopt rules of proceeding to ensure that each presidential appointment is disposed of through confirmation, rejection or withdrawal within 200 days of the date the President’s written nomination is received by the Senate; and be it further
Resolved, That a copy of this memorial shall be sent to the President of the United States, to the Senate Majority Leader, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to each member

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of the Oregon Congressional Delegation.