SENATE AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 5
By COMMITTEE ON RULES
May 15

On page 2 of the printed joint memorial, delete lines 1 through 22 and insert:

"Whereas plutonium for the bomb the United States dropped on Nagasaki was produced at the
Hanford Nuclear Reservation, a site on the banks of the Columbia River in the State of Washington
that displaced area residents, affected the health of ‘Downwinders’ and caused sacred sites, villages
and fishing areas of Native American tribes to be lost; and

"Whereas the Hanford Site, upriver from Oregon, remains the most toxic contamination site in
the Western Hemisphere, a nuclear sacrifice zone that threatens the health and environment of our
region; and

"Whereas the Marshall Islands were the site of 67 nuclear weapons tests by the United States
during the Cold War, and Oregon currently has one of the largest populations of Marshall Islanders
in the nation, many of whom continue to suffer health consequences from their home being used as
a nuclear sacrifice zone; and

"Whereas the service and suffering of all atomic veterans was acknowledged by the State of
Oregon in 2005 with the designation of July 16 every year as Atomic Veterans Day, and in 2017
with the designation of Interstate 5 between Salem and Albany as Atomic Veterans Memorial
Highway; and

"Whereas Oregon has been home to many courageous people who have dedicated their lives to
the eradication of nuclear weapons, including Hiroshima survivor Dr. Hideko Tamura Snider of
Medford, Hanford cleanup advocate and Yakama Nation Elder Russell Jim, Nobel Peace Prize re-
cipient Linus Pauling, Hanford ‘Downwinder’ Pat Hoover of Eugene and Carol Urner, who organized
the first Hiroshima commemoration in Portland in 1962; and

"Whereas nuclear weapons-related mining, milling, production, testing, storage and use dispro-
portionately affect communities of color, indigenous peoples and women, and adequate compensation
has not been made for the environmental and health consequences of nuclear weapons activities
pursued by the federal government during the 50 years of the Cold War, most often on Native
American land; and

"Whereas in order to survive climate change and pursue social justice, we will need our
brightest scientific minds and limited resources to no longer be squandered on weapons, because as
the climate crisis increases stress on communities around the world and intensifies the likelihood
of conflict, the potential for nuclear war will grow; and”.

In line 33, after “steps” insert “and fulfill its ethical obligation to its people”.
In line 35, delete “have” and insert “has”.
In line 44, delete “the Oregon Congressional Delegation” and insert “Congress”.

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