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State Government and Veterans Affairs

Senate Concurrent Resolution 4010

I am David Clemens, Senator from District 16 in West Fargo and Fargo. I am here to introduce Senate Concurrent Resolution 4010.

When the proposed 1972 Equal Rights Amendment was approved by the 92nd Congress of the United States, it had an expiration Date of March 22, 1979. This was a result of the Congress setting a deadline of 7 years, or March 22, 1979, in which $\frac{3}{4}$ of the states had to ratify the amendment.

Since the deadline has passed many years ago, several states have continued to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment. In 2018, 39 years after the deadline, Illinois ratified the amendment and in 2020, Virginia Legislature voted to ratify the amendment, 41 years after the deadline.

The purpose of this resolution is to resolve that any State Legislature ratifying after March 22, 1979, should not be counted.

I would ask for your support of SCR 4010.

Questions.