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1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. _____
2 BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT
3 BILL BY CHAIRPERSON KING)
4 A Concurrent Resolution requesting that the United States
5 Congress create a standard nationwide time for poll
6 closings in general and congressional elections.
7 WHEREAS, fairness and equality among the states
8 would be served by providing for a uniform allotment
9 of time in which to poll voters; and
10 WHEREAS, voter participation would be promoted by
11 the casting of all ballots before the local and
12 national media announce the projected result of
13 elections; and
14 WHEREAS, voters residing in states with multiple
15 time zones face the prospect of hearing media
16 projections of presumed winners before casting a
17 ballot; and
18 WHEREAS, those media projections may ultimately be
19 found to be in error; NOW THEREFORE,
20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE HOUSE OF
21 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the Iowa General
22 Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to
23 promote equality in voting among the states and
24 protect voters from premature and possibly erroneous
25 election result projections; and
26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Iowa General
27 Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to
28 enact legislation to standardize poll closing times;
29 and
30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this

1 Resolution be forwarded to the President of the United
2 States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House
3 of Representatives, and members of Iowa's
4 congressional delegation.

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11
BY COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT
(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1141)

A Concurrent Resolution requesting that the United States Congress create a standard nationwide time for poll closings in general and congressional elections.

WHEREAS, fairness and equality among the states would be served by providing for a uniform allotment of time in which to poll voters; and

WHEREAS, voter participation would be promoted by the casting of all ballots before the local and national media announce the projected result of elections; and

WHEREAS, voters residing in states with multiple time zones face the prospect of hearing media projections of presumed winners before casting a ballot; and

WHEREAS, those media projections may ultimately be found to be in error; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the Iowa General Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to promote equality in voting among the states and protect voters from premature and possibly erroneous election result projections; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Iowa General Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to enact legislation to standardize poll closing times; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this

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