

House Resolution 1130

By: Representatives Cooke of the 18th, Clark of the 98th, Dutton of the 166th, Dudgeon of the 24th, Brockway of the 101st, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the United States Congress to repeal the Seventeenth Amendment to the United
2 States Constitution; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the original intent of the authors of the United States Constitution with regard
4 to the legislative branch was to divide the legislature into two different branches, and both
5 of these branches were to have different modes of election and different principles of action;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, James Madison in the Federalist Papers No. 45 stated, "The Senate will be
8 elected absolutely and exclusively by the State legislatures"; and

9 WHEREAS, the original purpose of the United States Senate was to protect the sovereignty
10 of the states from the federal government and to give each individual state government
11 representation in the federal legislative branch of government; and

12 WHEREAS, the Seventeenth Amendment has resulted in a large federal government with
13 power and control that cannot be checked by the states; and

14 WHEREAS, with the repeal of the Seventeenth Amendment, no law or resolution could be
15 passed without the concurrence of a majority of the representatives of the people and a
16 majority of the representatives of the states; and

17 WHEREAS, the restoration of the United States Constitution by repealing the Seventeenth
18 Amendment would provide that the United States Senators be accountable to their respective
19 state legislatures by whom they were elected; and

20 WHEREAS, since the ratification of the Seventeenth Amendment in 1913, the size and scope
21 of the federal government has grown exponentially and severely weakened the powers held

22 by the individual states and the people as acknowledged by the Tenth Amendment to the
23 United States Constitution; and

24 WHEREAS, the United States Senate was designed to protect the rights and interests of the
25 individual states, and the repeal of the Seventeenth Amendment would help to prevent the
26 many unfunded mandates and unconstitutional laws passed onto those states by the federal
27 government.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
29 GEORGIA that the members of this body urge the United States Congress to repeal the
30 Seventeenth Amendment to the United States Constitution.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Vice President of the
33 United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, each member of
34 the Georgia Congressional delegation, and the presiding officer of each house of the
35 legislature in each state.