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SENATOR ALLARD SPONSORS FLAG PROTECTION AMENDMENT

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-Colorado), on Thursday joined with Senators Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) and Dianne Feinstein (D-California) to sponsor the Flag Protection Amendment. The bill would amend the Constitution to ensure the right of the Congress to pass legislation protecting the American flag.

“It is high time that we restored the ability of the American people to protect the American flag,” Senator Allard said. “This ability has been eroded over the years by judicial decisions that have stripped away the people’s right to protect the symbol of our great nation. This right can only be restored by a constitutional amendment that will ensure that future generations, if they choose to do so, will be able to protect the American flag without interference from the courts.”

In 1989, the Supreme Court struck down long-standing state laws that protected the physical integrity of the flag. In response, Congress passed the Flag Protection Act of 1989, which was subsequently struck down by the Supreme Court in 1990.

“We proudly display our flag as a symbol of the ideals we stand for as a nation,” Senator Allard said. “It is only fitting that America’s citizens, through their elected representatives, have the ability to protect our national symbol from desecration.”

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