

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 2, 2002

Senate Joint Resolution

No. 33

**Introduced by Senators Haynes, Battin, Johannessen, Margett,
Monteith, Morrow, and Poochigian**

January 23, 2002

Senate Joint Resolution No. 33—Relative to a national missile defense system.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SJR 33, as amended, Haynes. National missile defense system.

This measure would memorialize the President of the United States and the Congress to support legislation to implement a national missile defense system.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty was signed
2 with a nation that no longer exists; and

3 WHEREAS, An increasing number of nations, including China,
4 North Korea, Iran, and Iraq, either currently possess the capability
5 to launch missile attacks against the United States or its allies, or
6 are working to obtain that capability; and

7 *WHEREAS, The California regions in and around Los Angeles,*
8 *San Francisco, San Diego, and the Silicon Valley have been cited*
9 *as key targets for missile attacks by hostile forces; and*

10 WHEREAS, Due in part to advances in technology, the
11 possibility that a missile bearing a weapon of mass destruction will
12 be used against United States forces or interests is higher today
13 than it was during most of the Cold War; and

1 WHEREAS, Terrorist groups have the means to buy ballistic
2 missiles; and
3 WHEREAS, While systems are in place to thwart terrorism, the
4 nation still has no defense against missile attack; and
5 WHEREAS, The Cold War policy of “mutual assured
6 destruction” embodied in arms control treaties is not sufficient to
7 deter terrorist missile attacks; and
8 WHEREAS, Defending against a missile attack is the
9 government’s moral obligation; now, therefore, be it
10 *Resolved by the Senate and Assembly of the State of California,*
11 *jointly,* That the Legislature of the State of California
12 memorializes the President and the Congress of the United States
13 to support legislation to implement a national missile defense
14 system; and be it further
15 *Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
16 this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United
17 States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and to each
18 Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the
19 United States.

