

**Introduced by Senators Karnette, Alpert, Bowen, Costa,
Figueroa, Kuehl, Scott, and Speier**

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Senate Joint Resolution No. 3—Relative to reproductive rights.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SJR 3, as introduced, Karnette. Reproductive rights: Roe v. Wade.

This measure would memorialize the President of the United States
and the Congress to take necessary action to preserve the integrity of the
United States Supreme Court decision in Roe v. Wade.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Reproductive rights are central to the ability of
2 women to exercise their full rights under federal and state law; and

3 WHEREAS, Abortion has been a legal and constitutionally
4 protected medical procedure throughout the United States since
5 the United States Supreme Court decision in Roe v. Wade (1973)
6 410 U.S. 113; 35 L. Ed.2d 147; and

7 WHEREAS, The 1973 United States Supreme Court decision
8 in Roe v. Wade established constitutionally based limits on the
9 power of states to restrict the right of a woman to choose to
10 terminate a pregnancy; and

11 WHEREAS, Women should not be forced into illegal and
12 dangerous abortions as they often were prior to the Roe v. Wade
13 decision; and

1 WHEREAS, Every effort should be made at the state and
2 federal level to protect Roe v. Wade; now, therefore, be it

3 *Resolved by the Senate and Assembly of the State of California,*
4 *jointly,* That the Legislature of the State of California
5 memorializes the President and Congress of the United States to
6 take necessary action to preserve the integrity of the United States
7 Supreme Court decision in Roe v. Wade because it was an
8 appropriate decision and secures an important constitutional right;
9 and be it further

10 *Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
11 this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United
12 States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, each Senator
13 and Representative from California in the Congress of the United
14 States, the Attorney General of the United States, the Chief Justice
15 of the United States, and the Secretary of the United States
16 Department of Health and Human Services.

