

To amend title 28, United States Code, with respect to the jurisdiction of Federal courts inferior to the Supreme Court over certain cases and controversies involving the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 19, 2003

Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. TALENT) introduced the following bill; which

was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

4 This Act may be cited as the ``Protect the Pledge Act
5 of 2003''.

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1 SEC. 2. JURISDICTION LIMITATION.

2 (a) IN GENERAL.--Chapter 99 of title 28, United
3 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
4 lowing:
5 `` 1632. Jurisdiction limitation
6 ``No court established by Act of Congress shall have
7 jurisdiction to hear or determine any claim that the recita-
8 tion of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag ('I pledge alle-
9 giance to the Flag of the United States of America, and
10 to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God,
11 indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.') violates the
12 first article of amendment to the Constitution of the
13 United States.''.

14 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.--The table of sections
15 at the beginning of chapter 99 of title 28, United States
16 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new
17 item:

``1632. Jurisdiction limitation.''.

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