

Anti-gay amendment bites the dust — again

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They voted for marriage equality (clockwise): U.S. House members from N.C. David Price, Brad Miller and Melvin Watt and South Carolina's James Clyburn.

voted against the discriminatory amendment; on July 18, 27 Republicans in the House voted against the discriminatory amendment;
 • In 2004, 36 Democrats in the House voted

against the amendment: David Price, Brad Miller

for the discriminatory amendment; on July 18, only 34 Democrats in the House voted for the discriminatory amendment.

House members in North Carolina who voted in favor of the amendment include Republicans Walter Jones, Charles Taylor, Sue Myrick, Howard Coble, Robert Hayes, Bobby Etheridge and a single Democrat, Mike McIntyre. Three Democrats voted

and Melvin Watt.

From South Carolina all of the representatives voted in favor of the amendment — Gresham Barrett, Bob Inglis, Henry Brown, Joe Wilson and John Spratt — save one: James Clyburn.

The U.S. Constitution has been amended only 27 times, including the 10 amendments of the Bill of Rights. In addition to two-thirds congressional approval, a proposed amendment must be ratified by three-fourths of the states. ▀

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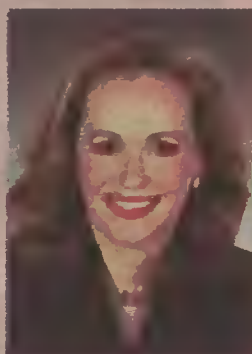
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