

MARCH OF THE STATES

NARRATOR: Today, we celebrate the expiration of the Equal Rights Amendment: The End of an ERA -- the end of the seven-year period set by Congress in the original E.R.A. resolution passed on March 22, 1972. Let's identify the states that are marching tonight against the Equal Rights Amendment. We present the "March of the States!"

Leading the March are the 15 States that have NEVER ratified E.R.A., but have defeated it again and again and again for seven long years.

MISSISSIPPI

NORTH CAROLINA

* NEVADA

FLORIDA

LOOSIANA

SOUTH CAROLINA

OKLAHOMA.

ARIZONA

ALABAMA

* VIRGINIA

ARKANSAS

ILLINOIS

* MISSOURI

GEORGIA

AND UTAH.

NARRATOR: And now we have the March of the five magnificent States that ratified early, but repented their hasty action, admitted their mistake, and then rescinded E.R.A. As the Lord tells us, "There shall be more joy in Heaven over one sinner who repents, than over 99 just persons who need no repentance."

TENNESSEE

SOUTH DAKOTA

* NEBRASKA

IDAHO

AND KENTUCKY

* DESPITE THAT

* FEMALE'S VETO.

NARRATOR: Now we have the March of the five wonderful States where the people voted NO when E.R.A. was put on the ballot in a referendum. Those states include even big, liberal New York where the voters defeated E.R.A. by more than 400,000 votes.

FLORIDA

* NEVADA

* NEW JERSEY

WISCONSIN.

DON'T FORGET THAT

BIG NEW YORK

VOTED NO ON

REFERENDUM.

NARRATOR: We believe that the Equal Rights Amendment dies tonight because the original E.R.A. resolution passed by Congress clearly specified the seven-year limit. The peculiar Time Extension Resolution which was allegedly passed last fall cannot be valid because it did not receive the 2/3rds majority that Article V of the Constitution requires. But just in case some court should bow to Jimmy Carter's pressure and declare the Time Extension Resolution valid, or rescissions invalid, we now call the March of those States whose E.R.A. ratifications will expire anyway because their individual ratification resolutions all separately contain the seven-year limitation. So, here is the March of the 30 States whose ratifications expire tonight.

CALIFORNIA

COLORADO

* WISCONSIN

IDAHO

WEST VIRGINIA

INDIANA

* NEW MEXICO.

NORTH DAKOTA

* NEW HAMPSHIRE

* WYOMING

OREGON

KANSAS *

DELAWARE

* KENTUCKY

WASHINGTON.

MINNESOTA

MASSACHUSETTS

* HAWAII

MICHIGAN

* MONTANA

TEXAS *

CONNECTICUT

AND MAINE.

SOUTH DAKOTA

* VERMONT

* NEW YORK

AND OHIO

TENNESSEE

* NEBRASKA

* AND IOWAY.

NARRATOR: And finally, great big Alaska's ratification was never valid at all because they got confused up there in the north and ratified only Section 1 of E.R.A. They forgot Section 2.

ALASKA DOESN'T

COUNT AT ALL.

IT RATIFIED JUST

SECTION ONE.

NOW WE'VE TOLD

WHY E-R-A

AT LAST IS

DEAD AND DONE.

Singing notes:

Note special pronunciations of some states.

Oklahoma should be sung to the notes of the song from the musical

"Oklahoma."

Underscoring means hold the syllable for an extra beat.

* means a silent beat.

Use the melody of the beginning of the recorded jingle, but I do not care for the latter part where it rather trails off with no melody or meter. I urge just repeating the basic melody over and over again. That is the way the "March of Stop ERA States" is written to be sung.

Wisconsin is the only state where the accent isn't right; just emphasize the "Wis."

The song should be arranged so that some states are sung by two women, some by two men, and some by all four.