

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20

Whereas, in 1922 the United States Supreme Court ruled that the Sherman Antitrust Act did not apply to Major League Baseball because the league is a sport and not a business; and

Whereas, Major League Baseball chose to politicize baseball by moving the All-Star Game out of the state of Georgia based on misleading and factually inaccurate information about the Georgia voting law; and

Whereas, Major League Baseball's decision to move the All-Star Game to Colorado, a state with substantially similar voting laws to Georgia, is rank hypocrisy and suggests Major League Baseball's decision is not based on its interest in voting laws but rather partisanship and public relations; and

Whereas, the move will cost the state of Georgia an estimated \$100 million; and

Whereas, in 2019, the combined revenue of all Major League Baseball teams was \$10.37 billion and the average revenue per Major League Baseball team was \$345.8 million, Major League Baseball is structured as a business, functions as a business, and realizes revenue far and above most businesses, Major League Baseball is a business and should be treated as such; and

Whereas, it is time for the federal government to stop granting special privileges to specific, favored corporations, especially ones that use their position and power to punish their political opponents; and

Whereas, the antitrust exemption for Major League Baseball has been debated for years, its actions have shown

it is not just a sport, and it is time to end the league's special status:

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the members of the Missouri Senate, One Hundred First General Assembly, First Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby call on the United State Congress to pass the Teddy Roosevelt Fair Competition and Public Trust Act of 2021 to abrogate the holding in *Federal Baseball Club v. National League*, 259 U.S. 200 (1922), thereby ending Major League Baseball's antitrust exemption; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for each member of the Missouri Congressional delegation.