

State of Vermont House of Representatives

Montpelier, Vermont



Joint House Resolution

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Joint resolution relating to an application of the General Assembly for Congress to call a convention for proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States

Offered by: Representatives Helm of Fair Haven, Branagan of Georgia, Brennan of Colchester, Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Cupoli of Rutland City, Fiske of Enosburgh, Hebert of Vernon, and Shaw of Pittsford

Whereas, the founders of our Constitution empowered state legislators to be guardians of liberty against future abuses of power by the federal government, and

Whereas, the federal government has created a crushing national debt through improper and imprudent spending, and

Whereas, the federal government has invaded the legitimate roles of the states through the manipulative process of federal mandates, most of which are unfunded to a great extent, and

Whereas, the federal government has ceased to live under a proper interpretation of the Constitution of the United States, and

Whereas, it is the solemn duty of the states to protect the liberty of our people, particularly for the generations to come, by proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States through a convention of the states under Article V for the purpose of restraining these and related abuses of power, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly, pursuant to Article V of the Constitution of the United States, hereby petitions the U.S. Congress to call a convention of the states limited to proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States of America that impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the terms of office for its officials and for members of Congress, and be it further

Resolved: That this application constitutes a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States until the legislatures of at least two-thirds of the several states have petitioned on the same subject, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vice President of the United States; the President Pro Tempore and the Secretary of the Senate of the United States; the Speaker and Clerk of the House of Representatives of the United States; the Archivist of the United States; and the Vermont Congressional Delegation.