

# State of Vermont Senate Chamber



Montpelier, Vermont

## Joint Senate Resolution

By Senators Pearson, Ayer, Benning, Clarkson, Sirotkin, and White,

**J.R.S. 17.** Joint resolution rescinding the General Assembly's request, contained in 2014 Acts and Resolves No. R-454, for Congress to convene a U.S. Constitutional Convention.

*Whereas*, during the 2013–2014 Biennium, the General Assembly adopted 2014 Acts and Resolves No. R-454, “Joint resolution relating to an application of the General Assembly for Congress to call a convention for proposing amendments to the U.S. Constitution,” and

*Whereas*, the specific purpose of this resolution was to help establish a mandate, in accordance with the provisions of Article V of the U.S. Constitution, for Congress to call a convention to amend the U.S. Constitution for the exclusive purpose of reversing the U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Citizens United v Federal Election Commission*, 130 S.Ct. 876 (2010), and

*Whereas*, supporters of 2014 Acts and Resolves No. R-454 may not favor other amendments that have also been proposed for a constitutional convention’s consideration, and

*Whereas*, the specific agenda for a prospective constitutional convention called in accordance with the provisions of Article V remains uncertain, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly rescinds its call, contained in 2014 Acts and Resolves No. R-454, for Congress to convene a U.S. Constitutional Convention, *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.