

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A Joint Resolution making application to the United States  
2 Congress to call a convention for the purpose of proposing  
3 to the states a constitutional amendment providing that  
4 a portion of taxes levied on income by Congress shall be  
5 made available to state governments.  
6 WHEREAS, a resolution of our nation's varied and diverse  
7 problems is contingent upon a viable partnership between  
8 the federal government and strengthened state governments, and  
9 WHEREAS, the federal government, by its extensive reliance  
10 on the graduated income tax as a revenue source, has virtually  
11 preempted the use of this source from state and local govern-  
12 ments, thereby creating a disabling fiscal imbalance between  
13 the federal government and the state and local governments, and  
14 WHEREAS, increasing demands upon state and local governments  
15 for essential public services have compelled the states to  
16 rely heavily on highly regressive and inelastic consumer taxes  
17 and property taxes, and  
18 WHEREAS, federal revenues based predominantly on income  
19 taxes increase significantly faster than economic growth,  
20 while state and local revenues based heavily on sales and  
21 property taxes do not keep pace with economic growth, and  
22 WHEREAS, the fiscal crisis at state and local levels has  
23 become the overriding problem of intergovernmental relations  
24 and of continuing a viable federal system, and  
25 WHEREAS, the evident solution to this problem is a meaning-

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1 ful sharing of federal income tax resources, and

2 WHEREAS, the United States Congress, despite the immediate  
3 and imperative need therefor, has failed to enact acceptable  
4 revenue sharing legislation, and

5 WHEREAS, in the event of such congressional inaction,  
6 Article V of the Constitution of the United States grants to  
7 the states the right to initiate constitutional change by  
8 applications from the legislatures of two-thirds of the  
9 several states to the Congress, calling for a constitutional  
10 convention, and

11 WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States is required by  
12 the Constitution to call such a convention upon the receipt  
13 of applications from the legislatures of two-thirds of the  
14 several states, NOW THEREFORE,

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

16 That, pursuant to Article V of the Constitution of the  
17 United States, the General Assembly of the State of Iowa  
18 does hereby make application to the Congress of the United  
19 States to call a convention for the sole and exclusive  
20 purpose of proposing to the several states a constitutional  
21 amendment which shall provide that a portion of the taxes  
22 on income levied by Congress pursuant to the sixteenth  
23 amendment of the Constitution of the United States shall be  
24 made available each year to state governments and political  
25 subdivisions thereof, by means of direct allocation, tax  
26 credits, or both, without limiting directly or indirectly the  
27 use of such moneys for any purpose not inconsistent with any  
28 other provision of the Constitution of the United States, and  
29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this application shall con-  
30 stitute a continuing application for such convention pursuant  
31 to Article V until the Legislatures of two-thirds of the states  
32 shall have made like applications and such convention shall have  
33 been called by the Congress of the United States unless pre-  
34 viously rescinded by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,  
35 and

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That certified copies of this  
2 resolution be presented by the Secretary of State forthwith  
3 to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House  
4 of Representatives of the United States and to the Legislatures  
5 of each of the several states attesting the adoption of this  
6 resolution by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa.

7 EXPLANATION

8 This Joint Resolution provides a method for the state of  
9 Iowa and other states to make application to Congress for  
10 the calling of a constitutional convention for the purpose  
11 of proposing an amendment to the United States Constitution.  
12 The amendment would provide that a portion of federal taxes  
13 levied upon income would be shared with all states of the  
14 United States by means of direct allocation, tax credits,  
15 or both and that the use of such moneys by the states would  
16 not be limited.

17 The second resolving clause does anticipate the possible  
18 rescission of the application should Congress take action  
19 on revenue sharing.

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HOUSE CLIP SHEET

Thursday, January 14, 1971

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1-H. AMENDMENT #1

Amend House Joint Resolution 1 as follows:

- 1 1. Page 1, line 2, by striking everything after  
2 the word "to".
- 3 2. Page 1, by striking all of line 3 in its  
4 entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the words  
5 "provide that".
- 6 3. Page two (2), line 16, by striking everything  
7 after the comma (,).
- 8 4. Page 2, line 17, by striking the words "United  
9 States,".
- 10 5. Page 2, line 19, by striking everything  
11 after the word "to".
- 12 6. Page 2, by striking all of line 20.
- 13 7. Page 2, line 21, by striking the words "amendments  
14 which shall".
- 15 8. Page 2, by striking lines 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34,  
16 and 35.

Filed from the floor and lost  
January 13, 1971

BY JESSE of Polk

*House*

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1-H. AMENDMENT #2

Amend House Joint Resolution 1 as follows:

- 1 1. Page 2, by striking in line 26 all after the  
2 word "both".
- 3 2. Page 2, by striking all of lines 27 and 28.

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BY BLOUIN of Dubuque  
District #49

*House*

SENATE CLIP SHEET

Monday, January 18, 1971

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1

1 Amend House Joint Resolution 1 as follows:

2 1. Page 2, line 21, by striking the word "portion"  
3 and by inserting in lieu thereof the word, "percentage".

4 2. Page 2, line 22, by inserting after the word,  
5 "levied" the words, "in each state".

6 3. Page 2, lines 24 and 25, by striking the words,  
7 "state governments and political subdivisions thereof" and  
8 by inserting in lieu thereof the words, "that state and  
9 its political subdivisions".

10 4. Page 2, by striking lines 26 through 28, inclusive  
11 and by inserting in lieu thereof the following:

12 "credits, or both. Any percentage allocated shall  
13 be equal between the several states and shall be in  
14 excess of all other funds usually allocated to the  
15 states for all other federal programs. The Congress  
16 may further direct in what general areas such funds  
17 may be spent."

18 5. Page 3, by inserting after line 6 the following  
19 new paragraph:

20 "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event the Congress  
21 cannot call a Constitutional Convention for the limited  
22 purpose designated herein pursuant to Article V of the

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Constitution of the United States, this resolution  
shall be null and void."

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By GAUDINEER

1 Amend the Gaudineer amendment filed January 13, 1971, to  
2 tion 1, as follows: House Joint Resolu-  
3 1. By inserting in line 9, after the word, "subdivisions"  
4 the words, "from which levied".  
5 2. By striking in line 13, the word, "equal" and by  
6 inserting in lieu thereof the words, "the same percentage".

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By GAUDINEER