

House Joint Resolution 11 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO HJR 6)

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1 A Joint Resolution calling for an Article V convention in order
2 to propose amendments to the Constitution of the United
3 States that impose fiscal restraints, limit the power and
4 jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the number
5 of terms that a person may serve in Congress or as a federal
6 official.

7 WHEREAS, the founders of the Constitution of the United States
8 empowered state legislators to be guardians of liberty against
9 future abuses of power by the federal government; and

10 WHEREAS, the federal government has created a crushing
11 national debt through improper and imprudent spending; and

12 WHEREAS, the federal government has invaded the legitimate
13 roles of the states through the manipulative process of federal
14 mandates, most of which are unfunded to a great extent; and

15 WHEREAS, the federal government has ceased to function under
16 a proper interpretation of the Constitution of the United
17 States; and

18 WHEREAS, it is the solemn duty of the states to protect
19 the liberty of our people, particularly for the generations to
20 come, by proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United
21 States through a convention of the states under Article V of the
22 Constitution of the United States for the purpose of restraining
23 these and related abuses of power; NOW THEREFORE,

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

1 That the General Assembly, as the legislature of the state of
2 Iowa, hereby applies to the Congress of the United States under
3 the provisions of Article V of the Constitution of the United
4 States for a convention for the specific and exclusive purpose
5 of proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States
6 that impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit
7 the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit
8 the terms of office of federal officials and members of Congress,
9 and no amendments on any other topic; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this application constitutes
11 a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the
12 Constitution of the United States until the legislatures of at
13 least two-thirds of the several states have made applications for
14 a similar convention under Article V, or the General Assembly
15 resolves to withdraw this application; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State shall
17 transmit certified copies of this resolution to the President
18 and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and
19 Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, each member
20 of the United States Senate and the United States House of
21 Representatives, and to the presiding officer of each house of
22 the legislature of each of the several states.

23 EXPLANATION

24 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
25 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

26 This joint resolution constitutes an application requesting
27 the United States Congress to call a convention for proposing
28 amendments to the Constitution of the United States to impose
29 fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the power
30 and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the terms
31 of office for federal officials and for members of Congress.
32 The resolution constitutes a continuing application to call a
33 convention for proposing amendments to the Constitution of the
34 United States.

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