

Testimony of Ben Terrill
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Chairman Kessler and Members of the Committee:

Almost everyone knows that our federal government is on a dangerous course. The unsustainable debt, combined with crushing regulations on states, businesses and individuals, is a recipe for disaster.

I welcome this legislation as a Kansan and an advocate of the legislature acting on its authority in Article V of the United States Constitution to initiate amendments that will restrain our federal government.

The bill's sponsors appear to have taken time to think through how this legislature may go about selecting delegates, or commissioners, to an Article V "convention of the States" meeting to discuss and propose constitutional amendments.

Delegates to such a meeting will be acting as agents of the Kansas legislature, to be appointed on its behalf as agents at an inter-state convention. Careful thought should be given as to how many delegates are sent, what qualifications they should have, how they are to be selected, how they are to be instructed, how they are to be compensated for their time and expenses, and how they are to be held accountable for their actions or inactions.

The bill is an earnest and thoughtful proposal with a framework of specifics.

I am very glad to see this effort put forth and heard in this committee, and I hope the committee will give it thorough consideration and work it as far as possible.