

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1604

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION making application to the Congress
2 of the United States to call a convention for the purpose of proposing
3 amendments to the Constitution of the United States that impose limits
4 on the federal government.

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

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

11 WHEREAS, The federal government has invaded the legitimate roles of
12 the states through the manipulative process of federal mandates, most
13 of which are unfunded and encroach on personal civil liberties through
14 coercion and punishment for noncompliance; and

15 WHEREAS, It is the solemn duty of the states to protect the liberty of our
16 people, particularly for the generations to come, by proposing
17 amendments to the Constitution of the United States through a
18 convention of the states under Article V for the purpose of restraining
19 these and related abuses of power; and

20 WHEREAS, Article V of the Constitution of the United States grants
21 equal authority to the legislatures of the several states to apply for a
22 convention for proposing amendments to the Constitution of the
23 United States; and

24 WHEREAS, The people of the state of Kansas, through a 1974
25 amendment to the Constitution of the state of Kansas, imposed an
26 additional requirement upon the Kansas Legislature in the form of a
27 requirement that any application to Congress for a convention for
28 proposing amendments pursuant to Article V of the Constitution of the
29 United States be passed by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the
30 members of each house: Now, therefore,

31 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas, the House of*
32 *Representatives concurring therein:* The legislature of the state of
33 Kansas hereby applies to the Congress of the United States, under the
34 provisions of Article V of the Constitution of the United States, for the
35 calling of a convention of the states limited to proposing amendments
36 to the constitution of the United States that impose fiscal restraints on

1 the federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal
2 government and limit the terms of office for officials of the federal
3 government and members of the Congress of the United States; and

4 *Be it further resolved:* This application constitutes a continuing
5 application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the
6 United States until the legislatures of at least two-thirds of the several
7 states have made application on the same subject; and

8 *Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate shall send an
9 enrolled copy of this resolution to the President and Secretary of the
10 United States Senate and the Speaker and the Clerk of the United
11 States House of Representatives, to the members of the United States
12 Senate and the United States House of Representatives from this state
13 and to the presiding officers of each of the legislative chambers in the
14 several states.
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