

## Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1603

By Senators Abrams, Arpke, Baumgardner, Donovan, Knox, LaTurner, Love, Masterson, O'Donnell, Olson, Ostmeyer, Pilcher-Cook, Powell and Wilborn

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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 the  
8 federal government; and

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

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

14 WHEREAS, The federal government has ceased to live under a proper  
15 interpretation of the Constitution of the United States; and

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

21 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas, the House of*  
22 *Representatives concurring therein:* That the legislature of the state of  
23 Kansas hereby applies to Congress, under the provisions of Article V of  
24 the Constitution of the United States, for the calling of a convention of  
25 the states limited to proposing amendments to the Constitution of the  
26 United States that impose fiscal restraints on the federal government,  
27 limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government and limit the  
28 terms of office for its officials and for members of Congress; and

29 *Be it further resolved:* That this application constitutes a continuing  
30 application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United  
31 States until the legislatures of at least two-thirds of the several states have  
32 made application on the same subject; and

33 *Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate shall send an  
34 enrolled copy of this resolution to the President and Secretary of the  
35 United States Senate and the Speaker and the Clerk of the United States

- 1 House of Representatives, to the members of the United States Senate and
- 2 the United States House of Representatives from this state and to the
- 3 presiding officers of each of the legislative chambers in the several states.