

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1607

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 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 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
16 our people, particularly for the generations to come, by proposing
17 amendments to the Constitution of the United States through a convention
18 of the states under Article V for the purpose of restraining these and
19 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 United
23 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 Kansas
33 hereby applies to the Congress of the United States, under the provisions
34 of Article V of the Constitution of the United States, for the calling of a
35 convention of the states limited to proposing amendments to the
36 Constitution of the United States that impose fiscal restraints on the

1 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 United
6 States until the legislatures of at least two-thirds of the several states have
7 made application on the same subject; and

8 *Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of State 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 States
11 House of Representatives, to the members of the United States Senate and
12 the United States House of Representatives from this state and to the
13 presiding officers of each of the legislative chambers in the several states.