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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on State Government Finance and Policy

1.1A resolution

1.2memorializing Congress to call a convention to propose amendments to the United

1.3States Constitution to impose fiscal constraints on the federal government, limit the

1.4power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the terms of office for its

1.5officials and for members of Congress.

1.6WHEREAS, the founders of our Constitution empowered state legislators to be guardians

1.7of liberty against future abuses of power by the federal government; and

1.8WHEREAS, the federal government has created a crushing national debt through improper

1.9and imprudent spending; and

1.10WHEREAS, the federal government has invaded the legitimate roles of the states through

1.11the manipulative process of federal mandates, most of which are unfunded to a great extent; and

1.12WHEREAS, the federal government has ceased to live under a proper interpretation of the

1.13Constitution of the United States; and

1.14WHEREAS, it is the solemn duty of the states to protect the liberty of our people, particularly

1.15for the generations to come, by proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States

1.16through a convention of the states under article V for the purpose of restraining these and related

1.17abuses of power; NOW, THEREFORE,

1.18BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota, that pursuant to article V

1.19of the Constitution of the United States, the Legislature of the state of Minnesota petitions the

1.20Congress of the United States of America, at its session, to call a convention of the states limited

1.21to proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States that impose fiscal restraints on

1.22the federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the

1.23terms of office for its officials and for members of Congress.

1.24BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this application constitutes a continuing application in

1.25accordance with article V of the Constitution of the United States until the legislatures of at least

2.1 two-thirds of the several states have made applications on the same subject. It supersedes all previous
2.2 applications by this legislature on the same subject.

2.3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota is directed
2.4 to prepare copies of this memorial and transmit them to the President and the Secretary of the United
2.5 States Senate, the Speaker and the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the presiding
2.6 officers of both houses of the legislatures of the other states of the Union, and to Minnesota's
2.7 Senators and Representatives in Congress.