

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1611

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 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, Article V of the Constitution of the United States
17 empowers the Legislature of the State of Kansas to apply to congress for
18 a convention of the states to propose amendments to the Constitution of
19 the United States; and

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

25 Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas, the House of
26 Representatives concurring therein: The Legislature of the State of
27 Kansas hereby applies to Congress, under the provisions of Article V of
28 the Constitution of the United States, for the calling of a convention of
29 the states limited to proposing amendments to the Constitution of the
30 United States that impose fiscal restraints on the federal government,
31 limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government and limit the
32 terms of office for its officials and for members of Congress; and

33 *Be it further resolved:* This application constitutes a continuing
34 application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United
35 States ~~until the legislatures of at least two-thirds of the several states have~~
36 ~~made application on the same subject~~ *two years from the date this*

1 *resolution is adopted or the date Congress calls a convention of the*
2 *states for the purpose of proposing amendments to the Constitution of*
3 *the United States, whichever occurs first; and*

4 *Be it further resolved: That all concurrent resolutions making*
5 *application to the Congress of the United States to call a convention of*
6 *the states for the purpose of proposing amendments to the Constitution*
7 *of the United States that have been previously adopted by the*
8 *Legislature are hereby rescinded on and after such date that occurs two*
9 *years from the date this concurrent resolution is adopted, unless*
10 *Congress calls a convention of the states for the purpose of proposing*
11 *amendments to the Constitution of the United States prior to such*
12 *rescission date; and*

13 *Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of State shall send an
14 enrolled copy of this resolution to the President and Secretary of the
15 United States Senate and the Speaker and the Clerk of the United States
16 House of Representatives, to the members of the Kansas Congressional
17 delegation and to the presiding officers of each of the legislative
18 chambers in the several states.