

Senate Joint Memorial 13

Sponsored by Senator BOQUIST

SUMMARY

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Urges Congress to call convention for proposing amendment to Constitution of United States providing that increase in federal debt requires approval of majority of state legislatures.

JOINT MEMORIAL

To the President of the United States and the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled:

We, your memorialists, the Seventy-sixth Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, in legislative session assembled, respectfully represent as follows:

Whereas Article V of the Constitution of the United States provides authority for a convention to be called by the Congress of the United States for the purpose of proposing amendments to the Constitution upon application of two-thirds of the legislatures of the several states; and

Whereas the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon favors the proposal and ratification of an amendment to the Constitution of the United States providing that an increase in the federal debt requires approval of a majority of the legislatures of the several states; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

(1) That the Seventy-sixth Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

(a) As provided in Article V of the Constitution of the United States, respectfully applies for a convention for proposed amendments to the Constitution of the United States for the purpose of proposing an amendment providing that an increase in the federal debt requires approval of a majority of the legislatures of the several states;

(b) Respectfully requests that the convention be focused entirely upon and limited exclusively to the subject matter of proposing for ratification an amendment to the Constitution of the United States providing that an increase in the federal debt requires approval of a majority of the legislatures of the several states; and

(c) Rescinds the application described in this subsection if either of the following occur:

(A) The Congress of the United States, prior to receiving an application from the legislatures of at least 34 states proposing the same subject matter as the application made under this memorial, first proposes an amendment to the United States Constitution for ratification by the several states providing that an increase in the federal debt requires approval from a majority of the legislatures of the several states; or

(B) The Congress of the United States calls a convention for proposing amendments to the Constitution to consider any subject matter other than an amendment providing that an increase in the federal debt requires approval from a majority of the legislatures of the several states, based upon receipt of applications for a convention from at least 34 states proposing the same subject

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1 matter as this memorial.

2 (2) A copy of this memorial shall be sent to the President of the United States, the Senate Ma-
3 jority Leader, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, each member of the Oregon Congres-
4 sional Delegation and the presiding officers of each house of the several state legislatures,
5 requesting their cooperation in applying for a convention limited to the same subject matter as this
6 memorial.

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