

Senate Joint Memorial 6

Sponsored by Senator BOQUIST (at the request of Deborah Lee)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Urges Congress to call amendment convention to propose amendment to United States Constitution to impose fiscal restraints on and limit power and jurisdiction of federal government.

JOINT MEMORIAL

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

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

Whereas the framers of the United States Constitution empowered state legislators to be guardians of liberty against future abuses of power by the federal government; and

Whereas the federal government has created a crushing national debt through improper and imprudent spending; and

Whereas the federal government has invaded the legitimate roles of the states through the manipulative process of federal mandates, most of which are largely unfunded; and

Whereas the federal government has ceased to function under a proper interpretation of the United States Constitution; and

Whereas it is the solemn duty of the states to protect the liberty of the people for generations to come by proposing amendments to the United States Constitution through a convention of the states under Article V of the United States Constitution; and

Whereas a convention of the states under Article V of the United States Constitution may result in the federal government being subject to clear fiscal restraints and restraints on abuses of power; now, therefore,

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

(1) We, the members of the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly, pursuant to Article V of the United States Constitution, hereby petition Congress to call, as soon as this petition and the similar petitions of other states constitute petitions from two-thirds of the states, a convention for the purpose of proposing amendments to the United States Constitution relating to imposing fiscal restraints on the federal government, limiting the power and jurisdiction of the federal government and limiting the terms of office of federal government officials and members of Congress.

(2) A copy of this memorial shall be sent to the Senate Majority Leader, to the Secretary of the Senate, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, to each member of the Oregon Congressional Delegation and to the presiding officers of the legislative chambers of each state of the United States requesting their cooperation in issuing an application to compel Congress to call a convention for the purpose of proposing amendments

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 pursuant to Article V of the United States Constitution.

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