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House Concurrent Resolution No. 5008

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION applying to the Congress of the
2 United States to call a convention of the states for the purpose of
3 proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States that
4 impose limits on the federal government.
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6 WHEREAS, The founders of the Constitution of the United States
7 empowered state legislators to be guardians of liberty against future
8 abuses of power by the 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 role
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 non-compliance; and

15 WHEREAS, It is the solemn duty of the states to protect the liberty of
16 our people, particularly for generations to come, by proposing
17 amendments to the Constitution of the United States through a
18 convention of the states under Article V for the purpose of restraining
19 these and related abuses of power; and

20 **WHEREAS, Article V of the United States Constitution grants**
21 **equal authority to the legislatures of the several states to apply for a**
22 **convention for proposing amendments to the United States**
23 **Constitution; and**

24 WHEREAS, The people of Kansas, through a 1974 amendment to the
25 Constitution of the State of Kansas, imposed an additional requirement
26 upon the Kansas legislature requiring that any application to Congress for
27 a convention for the purpose of proposing amendments to the
28 Constitution of the United States, pursuant to Article V of the
29 Constitution of the United States, be passed by an affirmative vote of
30 two-thirds of the members of each house: Now, therefore,

31 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas,*
32 *the Senate 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 applications on the same subject; and

8 *Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of State shall send enrolled
9 copies of this resolution to the President and Secretary of the United
10 States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of
11 Representatives, to the members of the United States Senate and the
12 United States House of Representatives from this state and to the
13 presiding officers of each of the legislative chambers in the several states.