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3 By Representatives Johnson (K), Henry, Long, Moore (B),
4 Collins, Wallace, Harper, Beckman, Ball, McCutcheon, Clouse,
5 Buttram, Roberts, Greer, Williams (D), Lee, Butler, Nordgren,
6 Shedd, Fincher, Gaston, Carns, Tuggle, Drake, Patterson,
7 Farley, Johnson (W), Baughn, Chesteen, Faust, Brown, Davis
8 and Weaver
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8 MAKING APPLICATION FOR A CONVENTION OF THE STATES
9 UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION TO PROPOSE
10 CERTAIN AMENDMENTS RELATING TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.
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12 WHEREAS, the Founders of our Constitution empowered
13 state legislators to be guardians of liberty against future
14 abuses of power by the federal government; and

15 WHEREAS, the federal government has created a
16 crushing national debt through improper and imprudent
17 spending; and

18 WHEREAS, the federal government has invaded the
19 legitimate roles of the states through the manipulative
20 process of federal mandates, most of which are unfunded to a
21 great extent; and

22 WHEREAS, the federal government has ceased to live
23 under a proper interpretation of the Constitution of the
24 United States; and

25 WHEREAS, it is the solemn duty of the states to
26 protect the liberty of our people, particularly for the
27 generations to come, to propose amendments to the Constitution

1 of the United States through a Convention of the States under
2 Article V to place clear restraints on these and related
3 abuses of power; now therefore,

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
5 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Legislature of the State
6 of Alabama hereby applies to Congress, under the provisions of
7 Article V of the Constitution of the United States, for the
8 calling of a convention of the states limited to proposing
9 amendments that impose fiscal restraints on the federal
10 government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal
11 government, and limit the terms of office for its officials.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State
13 is hereby directed to transmit copies of this application to
14 the President and Secretary of the United States Senate and to
15 the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of
16 Representatives, and to the members of the Senate and House of
17 Representatives of the United States Congress from this state;
18 and to also transmit copies hereof to the presiding officers
19 of each of the legislative houses in the several states,
20 requesting their cooperation.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this application
22 constitutes a continuing application in accordance with
23 Article V of the Constitution of the United States until the
24 Legislatures of at least two-thirds of the several states have
25 made applications on the same subject.