

By: Representative Staples

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 22

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OF THE MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE  
 2 EXPRESSING THE INCUMBENT URGENCY AND NECESSITY CONCERNING AN  
 3 APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS FOR AN ARTICLE V  
 4 CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OF THE STATES FOR PROPOSING AMENDMENTS  
 5 TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION WHICH IMPOSE FISCAL RESTRAINTS  
 6 ON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, LIMIT THE POWER AND JURISDICTION OF THE  
 7 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, AND LIMIT THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR ITS  
 8 OFFICIALS AND FOR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.

9 WHEREAS, the founders of the Constitution of the United  
 10 States empowered state legislators to be guardians of liberty  
 11 against future abuses of power by the federal government; and

12 WHEREAS, the federal government has created a crushing  
 13 national debt through improper and imprudent spending; and

14 WHEREAS, the federal government has invaded the legitimate  
 15 roles of the states through the manipulative process of federal  
 16 mandates, most of which are unfunded to a great extent; and

17 WHEREAS, the federal government has ceased to live under a  
 18 proper interpretation of the Constitution of the United States;  
 19 and

20 WHEREAS, it is the solemn duty of the states to protect the  
 21 liberty of our people, particularly for the generations to come,



22 by proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States  
23 through a convention of the states under Article V of the United  
24 States Constitution to place clear restraints on these and related  
25 abuses of power; and

26 WHEREAS, it is imperative in nature as state elected  
27 officials tasked with the responsibility of preserving the  
28 integral rights of citizens and inherent power of the state  
29 sovereignty affirmed under the 10th Amendment of the United States  
30 Constitution, that the State of Mississippi expresses its  
31 compelling interest in the need for a Constitutional Convention of  
32 the states for the matter herein specified:

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
34 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
35 THEREIN, That the Mississippi Legislature, acting on behalf of the  
36 entire populace of the State of Mississippi, hereby applies to  
37 Congress, under the provisions of Article V of the Constitution of  
38 the United States, for the calling of a convention of the states  
39 limited to proposing amendments to the United States Constitution  
40 that impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the  
41 power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the  
42 terms of office for its officials and for members of Congress.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this application shall be deemed  
44 an application for a convention to address each or all of the  
45 subjects herein stated. For the purposes of determining whether  
46 two-thirds (2/3) of the states have applied for a convention



47 addressing any of the subjects stated herein, this application is  
48 to be aggregated with the applications of any other state  
49 legislatures for the single subjects of balancing the federal  
50 budget, limiting the power and jurisdiction of the federal  
51 government, and limiting the terms of federal officials.

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate is  
53 hereby directed to transmit copies of this application to the  
54 President and Secretary of the United States Senate and to the  
55 Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives,  
56 to transmit copies to the members of the United States Senate and  
57 United States House of Representatives from this state, and to  
58 transmit copies hereof to the presiding officers of each of the  
59 legislative houses in the several states, requesting their  
60 cooperation.

61 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this application constitutes a  
62 continuing application in accordance with Article V of the  
63 Constitution of the United States until the legislatures of at  
64 least two-thirds (2/3) of the several states have made  
65 applications on the same subject.

