

By: Senator(s) Younger

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 549

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION APPLYING FOR A UNITED STATES  
2 CONSTITUTION ARTICLE V AMENDMENTS CONVENTION SPECIFICALLY RELATING  
3 TO A FEDERAL BALANCED BUDGET REQUIREMENT.

4 WHEREAS, Article V of the Constitution of the United States  
5 provides authority for a Convention to be called by the Congress  
6 of the United States for the purpose of proposing amendments to  
7 the Constitution upon application of two-thirds of the  
8 Legislatures of the several states ("Madison Amendments  
9 Convention"); and

10 WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Mississippi favors  
11 the proposal and ratification of an amendment to said Constitution  
12 which shall provide that an increase in the federal debt requires  
13 approval from a majority of the Legislatures of the separate  
14 states; NOW, THEREFORE,

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE  
16 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

17 **SECTION 1.** That, as provided for in Article V of the  
18 Constitution of the United States, the Legislature of the State of



19 Mississippi herewith hereby applies to Congress, under the  
20 provision of Article V of the Constitution of the United States,  
21 for the calling of a Convention of the States limited to proposing  
22 an amendment to the Constitution of the United States requiring  
23 that in the absence of a national emergency the total of all  
24 federal outlays made by the Congress for any fiscal year may not  
25 exceed the total of all estimated federal revenues for that fiscal  
26 year, together with any related and appropriate fiscal restraints.

27       **SECTION 2.** This application is to be considered as covering  
28 the balanced budget amendment language of the presently  
29 outstanding balanced budget applications from other states,  
30 including, but not limited to, previously adopted applications  
31 from Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Georgia,  
32 Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri,  
33 Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, North  
34 Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee,  
35 Texas, Utah and West Virginia; and this application shall be  
36 aggregated with same for the purpose of attaining the two-thirds  
37 (2/3) of states necessary to require the calling of a Convention  
38 for proposing a balanced budget amendment, but shall not be  
39 aggregated with any applications on any other subject.

40       **SECTION 3.** That the Amendments Convention contemplated by  
41 this application shall be entirely focused upon and exclusively  
42 limited to the subject matter of proposing for ratification an  
43 amendment to the Constitution providing that an increase in the



44 federal debt requires approval from a majority of the legislatures  
45 of the separate states.

46         **SECTION 4.** This application constitutes a continuing  
47 application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of  
48 the United States until at least two-thirds (2/3) of the  
49 legislatures of the several states have made application for an  
50 equivalently limited Amendments Convention.

51         BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a certified copy of this  
52 application be transmitted by the Secretary of State, to the  
53 President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the  
54 United States House of Representatives, to each member of the  
55 applicant's delegation to the United States Congress, and to the  
56 presiding officers of each house of the several state  
57 Legislatures, requesting their cooperation in applying for the  
58 Amendments Convention limited to the subject matter contemplated  
59 by this application.

