

By: Representative Eubanks

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 58

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 (2/3) 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 the 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE
16 OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

17 **SECTION 1.** That, the Legislature of the State of Mississippi
18 hereby applies to Congress, under the provisions of Article V of



19 the Constitution of the United States, for the calling of a
20 convention of the states limited to proposing an amendment to the
21 Constitution of the United States requiring that in the absence of
22 a national emergency the total of all Federal appropriations made
23 by the Congress for any fiscal year may not exceed the total of
24 all estimated Federal revenues for that fiscal year, together with
25 any related and appropriate fiscal restraints.

26 **SECTION 2.** The Secretary of State is hereby directed to
27 transmit copies of this application to the President and Secretary
28 of the Senate and to the Speaker and Clerk of the House of
29 Representatives of the Congress, and copies to the members of the
30 Senate and House of Representatives from this state; also to
31 transmit copies hereof to the presiding officers of each of the
32 legislative houses in the several states, requesting their
33 cooperation.

34 **SECTION 3.** This application is to be considered as covering
35 the same subject matter as the presently-outstanding balanced
36 budget and unlimited-subject applications from other states,
37 including but not limited to previously-adopted and unrescinded
38 applications from Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado,
39 Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky,
40 Louisiana, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New
41 Jersey, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma,
42 Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Washington,
43 Utah, West Virginia, Wyoming and Wisconsin, and this application



44 shall be aggregated with same for the purpose of attaining the
45 two-thirds (2/3) of states necessary to require the calling of a
46 convention, but shall not be aggregated with any applications on
47 any other subject.

48 **SECTION 4.** This application constitutes a continuing
49 application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of
50 the United States until the legislatures of at least two-thirds
51 (2/3) of the several states have made applications on the same
52 subject, and it supersedes all previous applications by this
53 Legislature on the same subject.

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

