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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 855

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations

1.1 A resolution
1.2 memorializing Congress to call a convention to propose amendments to the United
1.3 States Constitution to impose fiscal constraints on the federal government, limit the
1.4 power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the terms of office for its
1.5 officials and for members of Congress.

1.6 WHEREAS, the founders of our Constitution empowered state legislators to be guardians
1.7 of liberty against future abuses of power by the federal government; and

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

1.10 WHEREAS, the federal government has invaded the legitimate roles of the states through
1.11 the manipulative process of federal mandates, most of which are largely unfunded; and

1.12 WHEREAS, the federal government has ceased to live under a proper interpretation of the
1.13 Constitution of the United States; and

1.14 WHEREAS, it is the solemn duty of the states to protect the liberty of our people, particularly
1.15 the generations to come, by proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States through
1.16 a convention of the states under article V for the purpose of restraining these and related abuses of
1.17 power; NOW, THEREFORE,

1.18 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota, that pursuant to article V
1.19 of the Constitution of the United States, the Legislature of the state of Minnesota petitions the
1.20 Congress of the United States of America, at its session, to call a convention of the states limited
1.21 to proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States that impose fiscal restraints on
1.22 the federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the
1.23 terms of office for its officials and for members of Congress.

1.24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this application constitutes a continuing application in
1.25 accordance with article V of the Constitution of the United States until the legislatures of at least

2.1 two-thirds of the several states have made applications on the same subject. It supersedes all previous
2.2 applications by this legislature on the same subject.

2.3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota is directed
2.4 to prepare copies of this memorial and transmit them to the President and the Secretary of the United
2.5 States Senate, the Speaker and the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the presiding
2.6 officers of both houses of the legislatures of the other states of the Union, and to Minnesota's
2.7 Senators and Representatives in Congress.