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NOTICE OF BILL RETURNED TO RULES COMMITTEE

March 10, 2015

Mr. Speaker:

The Judiciary Committee has returned **H.J.R. 3**, JOINT RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A CONVENTION OF THE STATES FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF PROPOSING A COUNTERMAND AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED, by Representative M. Nelson, to the Rules Committee without recommendation with the following amendments:

1. *Page 1, Lines 23 through 26:*

- 23 to the United States Constitution; ~~{and}~~
24 ▶ directs that Congress call a convention of the states, for the sole purpose of
25 considering and adopting a Countermand Amendment, within 60 days after
26 receiving the 34th state application for such convention ~~{.~~ and
▶ declares that, as a condition of approving this joint resolution, the Legislature of the state of Utah reserves the right to approve the terms of the proposed Countermand Amendment, the selection of and instructions to its delegates to the convention, and the rules and procedures of the convention prior to the commencement of the convention.

2. *Page 3, Lines 65 through 68:*

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65 WHEREAS, a Countermand Amendment to the United States Constitution would
66 authorize the states, upon a vote by ~~{three-fifths of the}~~ the prescribed number
of state legislatures . to override and
67 invalidate a congressional statute, executive order, federal court decision, or
administrative
68 agency rule, regulation, or other action deemed injurious to the states and the people;

3. *Page 3, Lines 86 through 88:*

86 Countermand Amendment, within 60 days after receiving the 34th state application for
such
87 convention. =

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah declares
that, as a condition of approving this joint resolution, the Legislature of the state of
Utah reserves the right to approve the terms of the proposed Countermand
Amendment, the selection of and instructions to its delegates to the convention, and
the rules and procedures of the convention prior to commencement of the
convention.**

88 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the leader of

Respectfully,

LaVar Christensen
Committee Chair

Voting: --

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