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Representative Merrill F. Nelson proposes the following substitute bill:

### JOINT RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A CONVENTION TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES

2017 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Merrill F. Nelson**

Senate Sponsor: ~~{\_\_\_\_\_}~~ Evan J. Vickers

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#### LONG TITLE

##### General Description:

This joint resolution of the Legislature ~~{expresses support}~~ petitions Congress for ~~{a}~~ an Article V convention of the states to ~~{discuss potential}~~ propose amendments to the Constitution of the United States.

##### Highlighted Provisions:

This joint resolution:

- ▶ ~~{expresses support}~~ petitions Congress for ~~{a}~~ an Article V convention of the states ~~{for the purpose of discussing potential}~~ to propose amendments to the Constitution of the United States to impose fiscal restraints on the federal government and to limit the federal government's power and jurisdiction; and

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- ▶ petitions Congress to propose amendments to the Constitution of the United States for the same purpose.

### Special Clauses:

None

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*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

WHEREAS, the founders of ~~four~~the Constitution of the United States empowered state legislators to be guardians of liberty against future abuses of power by the federal government;

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

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

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

WHEREAS, it is the solemn duty of the states to protect the liberty of our people – particularly for the generations to come – by proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States through a convention of the states under Article V for the purpose of restraining these and related abuses of power:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah hereby ~~applies to Congress, under the provisions of~~petitions the Congress of the United States to propose amendments to the Constitution of the United States, for submission to the states for ratification, to impose fiscal restraints on the federal government and to limit the federal government's power and jurisdiction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, pursuant to Article V of the Constitution of the United States, ~~for the calling of~~the Utah Legislature joins in the applications of the states of Georgia (S.R. 736, 2014), Florida (S.M. 476, 2014), Alaska (H.J.R. 22, 2014), Alabama (H.J.R. 112, 2015), Tennessee (S.J. 67, 2016), Indiana (S.J.R. 14, 2016), Oklahoma (S.J.R. 4, 2016), and Louisiana (S.C.R. 52, 2016) for a convention of the states ~~limited to~~for the specific and exclusive purpose of proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United

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States limited to the purposes stated therein; provided, however, that the commissioners from Utah to said convention are expressly limited to consideration and support of amendments that impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, and amendments that limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and ~~{limit the terms of office for its officials and for members of Congress}~~ no other amendments on any topic whatsoever.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah intends that this application be aggregated with the subsequent applications of other states limited to the purposes identified in this application and with subsequent applications for the same purposes as those applications of the above-mentioned states.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States Senate, Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, members of Utah's congressional delegation, and the state legislators of the other 50 states, requesting their cooperation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this joint resolution constitutes a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States until the legislatures of at least two-thirds of the several states have made applications on the same subject.

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