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Offered by:

REP. SAMPSON, 80th Dist.

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To: House Joint Resolution No. 64

File No. 425

Cal. No. 246

**"RESOLUTION PETITIONING CONGRESS TO CONVENE AN
ARTICLE V CONVENTION TO OVERTURN THE UNITED STATES
SUPREME COURT'S DECISION IN CITIZENS UNITED V. FEDERAL
ELECTION COMMISSION."**

1 Strike everything after the resolving clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "WHEREAS, with each passing year this nation becomes deeply in
4 debt as its expenditures grossly and repeatedly exceed available
5 revenues; and

6 WHEREAS, attempts to limit spending have resulted in strenuous
7 assertions that the responsibility for appropriations is the
8 constitutional duty of the Congress; and

9 WHEREAS, the annual federal budget repeatedly demonstrates the
10 unwillingness or inability of both the legislative and executive
11 branches of the federal government to curtail spending to conform to

12 available revenues; and

13 WHEREAS, the unified budget does not reflect actual spending
14 because of the exclusion of special outlays which are not in the budget;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, knowledgeable planning and fiscal prudence require
17 that the budget reflect all federal spending and that the budget be in
18 balance; and

19 WHEREAS, believing that fiscal irresponsibility at the federal level
20 is one of the greatest economic threats which faces our nation, we
21 firmly believe that constitutional restraint is necessary to bring the
22 fiscal discipline needed to reverse this trend; and

23 WHEREAS, the mounting debt level is putting our country not only
24 at economic security risk, but it is opening our country up to a national
25 security risk as our debt level restricts our capacity to act and shows
26 weakness to our enemies; and

27 WHEREAS, under Article V of the Constitution of the United States,
28 amendments to the United States Constitution may be proposed by the
29 Congress whenever two-thirds of both Houses deem it necessary, or
30 on the application of the legislatures of two-thirds of the several states
31 the Congress shall call a constitutional convention for the purpose of
32 proposing amendments; and

33 WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut sees the need for a convention
34 to propose a balanced budget amendment to the United States
35 Constitution or for a substantially similar purpose and desires that
36 said convention should be so limited.

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the people of the State
38 of Connecticut speaking through its legislature, and pursuant to
39 Article V of the United States Constitution, hereby petitions the United
40 States Congress to call a convention for the purpose of proposing
41 amendments to the Constitution of the United States of America as

42 soon as two-thirds of the several states have applied for a convention;
43 and

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the clerks of the House of
45 Representatives and the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the
46 President of the United States; the Vice President of the United States
47 in his capacity as presiding officer of the United States Senate and
48 addressed to him at the office he maintains in the United States Capitol
49 Building; the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the
50 Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives, the
51 President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, each Senator and
52 Representative from Connecticut in the Congress of the United States
53 with the respectful request that the full and complete text of this
54 resolution be printed in the Congressional Record; and the Governor
55 of each state and the presiding officers of each legislative body of each
56 of the several states, requesting the cooperation of the states in issuing
57 an application compelling Congress to call a convention for proposing
58 amendments pursuant to Article V of the United States Constitution."