SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 19

INTRODUCED BY DOVER, GALT, KOLSTAD, SMITH, BRIGGS, CONROY, HURWITZ, CURTISS, ELLISON, MARKS, COZZENS, NORDTVEDT, BURNETT, SPILKER, DEVLIN, HANNAH, WINSLOW, D. O'HARA, IVERSON, SWITZER, ROTH, SCHULTZ

IN THE SENATE

February 13, 1981

Committee on Finance and Claims.

Introduced and referred to

February 20, 1981

February 21, 1981

February 24, 1981

February 25, 1981

Committee recommend bill do pass as amended. Report adopted.

Bill printed and placed on members' desks.

Motion pass consideration.

Second reading, do pass.

On motion rules suspended. Bill placed on calendar for third reading this day.

Third reading, passed. Ayes, 45; Noes, 3. Transmitted to House.

IN THE HOUSE

March 3, 1981

March 27, 1981

March 28, 1981

Introduced and referred to Committee on State Administration.

Committee recommend bill be concurred in as amended. Report adopted.

Second reading, pass consideration. March 30, 1981

March 31, 1981

On motion rules suspended and bill allowed to be transmitted on 71st legislative day. Motion adopted.

Second reading, concurred in as amended.

On motion rules suspended and bill placed on third reading this day.

Third reading, concurred in as amended. Ayes, 85; Noes, 11.

IN THE SENATE

April 1, 1981

April 7, 1981

Returned from House with amendments.

On motion taken from second reading and referred to Committee on Bills and Journal. Sent to enrolling.

Reported correctly enrolled.

JUINT RESOLUTION NO. 1 INTRODUCED BY 2 llison marke bosens "JUINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF FAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA CALLING FOR THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO PROPOSE AND SUBMIT TO THE 6 7 STATES AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES REQUIRING, WITH CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS, A BALANCED FEDERAL 8 BUDGET AND ALTERNATIVELY PETITIONING THE CONGRESS OF THE 9 UNITED STATES TO CALL & CONVENTION FOR THE EXCLUSIVE PURPOSE 10 OF PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED 11 12 STATES REQUIRING, WITH CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS, A BALANCED 13 FEDERAL BUDGET.

14

15 WHEREAS, with each passing year this nation becomes
16 more deeply in debt as its expenditures grossly and
17 repeatedly exceed available revenues; and

18 WHEREAS, convinced that fiscal irresponsibility at the 19 federal level, with the inflation that results from this 20 policy, is the greatest threat that faces our nation, the 21 Legislature firmly believes that constitutional restraint is 22 vital to bring the fiscal discipline needed to restore 23 financial responsibility; and

24 WHEREAS, under Article V of the Constitution of the 25 United States, emendments to the federal Constitution may be proposed by the Congress whenever two-thirds of both houses consider it necessary or upon the application of the legislatures of two-thirds of the states that the Congress call a constitutional convention for the purpose of proposing amendments that shall be valid when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the states.

7

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE
OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

10 (1) That the Congress of the United States is 11 requested to propose and submit to the states an amendment 12 to the Constitution of the United States requiring that, in 13 the absence of a national emergency, the federal budget be 14 balanced each fiscal year within 4 years after the amendment 15 is ratified by the various states.

16 (2) That, alternatively, this body respectfully 17 petitions the Congress of the United States to call a 18 convention for the specific and exclusive purpose of 19 proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United 20 States to require a balanced federal budget and to make 21 certain exceptions with respect thereto.

> INTRODUCED BILL SJR 19

applications pursuant to Article V, but that if Congress
 proposes an amendment to the Constitution identical in
 subject matter to that contained in this joint resolution,
 this petition for a constitutional convention no longer has
 any force or effect.

6 (4) That this request has no effect if this convention 7 is not limited to the specific and exclusive purpose of 8 requiring a balanced federal budget and allowing certain 9 exceptions with respect thereto.

(5) That as this application under Article V of the 10 11 Constitution of the United States is the exercise of a 12 fundamental power of the sovereign states under the Constitution of the United States, it is requested that 13 14 receipt of this application by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States be 15 officially noted and entered upon their respective records 16 17 and that the full text of this resolution be published in the official publication of both the Senate and the House of 18 19 Representatives of the Congress.

20 (6) That copies of this resolution be sent by the 21 Secretary of State of Montana to the Secretary of State and 22 presiding officers of both houses of the legislatures of 23 each state in the Union, the Speaker and the Clerk of the 24 United States House of Representatives, the President and 25 the Secretary of the United States Senate, and to each 1 member of the Montana Congressional delegation.

2 (7) That no convention be called until federal 3 statutes are enacted that specifically provide for a process 4 by which the convention is conducted and the manner by which 5 the convention's subject matter may be delineated, 6 restricted, deliberated, and voted upon.

SJR 0019/02

ΩE

Approved by Committee on Finance & Claims

1		SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 19
2		INTRODUCED BY DOVER, GALT, KOLSTAD, SMITH, BRIGGS,
3		CONROY, HURWITZ, CURTISS, ELLISON, MARKS,
4		COZZENS, NORDIVEDT, BURNETT, SPILKER,
5		DEVLIN, HANNAH, WINSLOW, D. O'HARA,
6		EVERSON, SWITZER, ROTH, SCHULTZ
7		
8	Å	JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA CALLING FOR THE 9 CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO PROPOSE AND SUBMIT TO THE 10 STATES AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES 11 REQUIRING. WITH CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS. A BALANCED FEDERAL 12 BUDGET AND-ALTERNATIVELY-PETITIONING--THE--CONGRESS--OF--THE 13 UNITED-STATES-TB-CALL-A-CONVENTION-FOR-THE-EXELUSIVE-PURPOSE 14 OF--PROPOSING-AN-AMENOMENT-TO-THE-CONSTITUTION-OF-THE-UNITED 15 STATES--REQUIRING--WITH--EERTAIN-EXCEPTIONS--A---BALANEED 16 FEBERAL-BUDGET. 17

18

19 WHEREAS, with each passing year this nation becomes
20 more deeply in debt as its expenditures grossly and
21 repeatedly exceed available revenues; and

22 WHEREAS, convinced that fiscal irresponsibility at the 23 federal level, with the inflation that results from this 24 policy, is the greatest threat that faces our nation, the 25 Legislature firmly believes that constitutional restraint is 1 vital to bring the fiscal discipline needed to restore 2 financial responsibility; and

3 WHEREAS, under Article V of the Constitution of the 4 United States, amendments to the federal Constitution may be 5 proposed by the Congress whenever two-thirds of both houses 6 consider it necessary or--upon--the--application--of--the 7 legislatures-of-two-thirds-of-the-states-that--the--Congress 8 9 proposing-amendments-that-shall-be-valid--when--ratified--by 10 the-legislatures-of-three-fourths-of-the-states.

11

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE 13 OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

14 (1) That the Congress of the United States is 15 requested to propose and submit to the states an amendment 16 to the Constitution of the United States requiring that, in 17 the absence of a national emergency, the federal budget be 18 balanced each fiscal year within 4 years after the amendment 19 is ratified by the various states. 20 (2)-Thaty-alternatively---this--body---respectfully

21 petitions--the--Congress--of--the--United--States--to-call-a

- 22 convention--for--the--specific--and--exclusive--purpose---of
- 23 proposing--an--amendment--to--the-Constitution-of-the-United
- 24 States-to-require-a-balanced--federal--budget--and--to--make

-2-

25 certain-exceptions-with-respect-theretow

SECOND READING

SJR 0019/02

1	(3)Thatthisapplication-by-this-body-constitutes-a
2	continuing-opplication-in-accordance-with-Article-Vofthe
3	Constitutionof-the-United-States-until-at-least-two-thirds
4	ofthelegislaturesofthestateshavemadesimilar
5	applicationspursuanttoArticleVv -but-that-if-Congress
6	proposes-anamendmenttotheConstitutionidenticalin
7 8	subjectmatterto-that-contwined-in-this-joint-resolution,
0 9	this-petition-for-a-constitutional-convention-no-longerhas
,	any torce of effects

10 'ti)--That-this-request-has-no-effect-if-this-convention 11 is--not--limited--to--the--specific-and-exclusive-aurosse-of 12 requiring-a-balanced-federal--budget--and--allowing--certain 13 exceptions-with-respect-theretow

14 (5)(2) That as this application-under-Article-V-of-the 15 Constitution-of-the-United-States RESOLUTION is the exercise of a fundamental power of the sovereign states under the 16 Constitution of the United States, it is requested that 17 receipt of this application RESOLUTION by the Senate and the 18 19 House of Representatives of the Congress of the United 20 States be officially noted and entered upon their respective 21 records and that the full text of this resolution be 22 published in the official publication of both the Senate and 23 the House of Representatives of the Congress.

24 (6)[3] That copies of this resolution be sent by the 25 Secretary of State of Montana to the Secretary of State and

- 3--

SJR 19

presiding officers of both houses of the legislatures of 1 each state in the Union, the Speaker and the Clerk of the z United States House of Representatives, the President and 3 4 the Secretary of the United States Senate, and to each 5 member of the Montana Congressional delegation-

6 +7+--That--no--convention--be--called---untit---federal statutes-are-enacted-that-specifically-provide-for-a-process 7 R by-which-the-convention-is-conducted-and-the-manner-by-which 9 the---convention*s---subject---motter---may--be--delinestedy restricted,-deliberatedy-and-voted-upons 10

-End-

SJR 0019/02

-4-

1 2 3 4 5	SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 19	1	vital to bring the fiscal discipline needed to restore
3 4			
4	INTRODUCED BY DUVER, GALT, KOLSTAD, SMITH, BRIGGS,	2	financial responsibility; and
4 5	CONROY, HURWITZ, CURTISS, ELLISON, MARKS,	3	WHEREAS, under Article V of the Constitution of the
5	COZZENS, NORDTVEDT, BURNETT, SPILKER,	4	United States, amendments to the Federal Constitution may be
	DEVLIN, HANNAH, WINSLOW, D. O'HARA,	5	proposed by the Congress whenever two-thirds of both houses
6	IVERSON, SWITZER, ROTH, SCHULTZ	6	consider it necessary orupon-theapplication-ofthe
7		7	legislatures-of-two-thirds-of-the-states-thattheCongress
8	A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF	8	callaconstitutionalconventionforthepurposeof
9	REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA CALLING FOR THE	9	proposing-omendments-that-shall-be-validwhenratifiedby
10	CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO PROPOSE AND SUBMIT TO THE	10	the-legislatures-of-three-fourths-of-the-states.
11 .	STATES AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES	11	
12	REQUIRING. WITH CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS. A BALANCED FEDERAL	12	NOW. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE
13	BUDGET ANB-ALTERNATIVELY-PETITIONINGTHEEBNGRESSOFTHE	13	OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
14	UNITED-STATES-TB-CALL-A-CO NVENTI ON-FOR-THE-EXELUSIVE-PURPOSE	14	(1) That the Congress of the United States is
15	OF- -PRBPBSING-AN-AMENDMENT-TB-THE-EBNSTITUTION-BF-THE-UNITED	15	requested to propose and submit to the states an amendment
16	STATESREQUIRINGWITHEERTAINEXGEPTIONSABALANCED	16	to the Constitution of the United States requiring that, in
17	FEDERAL~BUDGET.	17	the absence of a national emergency, the federal budget be
18		18	balanced each fiscal year within 4 years after the amendment
19	WHEREAS, with each passing year this nation becomes	19	is ratified by the various states.
20	more deeply in debt as its expenditures grossly and	20	{2}
21	repeatedly exceed available revenues; and	21	p etitionstheCongressoftheUnitedStatesto- ca ll-a
22	WHEREAS+ convinced that fiscal irresponsibility at the	22	conventionforthespecificandexclusivepurposeof
23	federal level, with the inflation that results from this	23	proposinganomendmenttothe-Constitution-of-the-United
24	policy, is the greatest threat that faces our nation, the	24	States-to-require-a-balancedfederalbudgetandtomake
25	Legislature firmly believes that constitutional restraint is	25	certain-exceptions-with-respect-theretow

-2-

SJR 19

۰,

SJR 0019/02

1	{3}
2	continuing-application-in-accordance-with-Article-Vofthe
3	Eonstitutionof-the-United-States-until-at-least-two-thirds
4	ofthetegistaturesofthestateshavemadesimitar
5	appitcationspursuanttoArticleVv-but-that-if-Congress
6	proposes-onomendmenttotheConstitutionidenticalin
7	subjectmatterto-that-contained-in-this-joint-resolution+
8	this-petition-for-a-constitutionel-convention-no-longerhas
9	any-force-or-effects
10	+++

11 is--net--limited--to--the--specific-and-exclusive-purpase-of
12 requiring-a-bolanced-federal---budget--and--allowing--certain
13 exceptions-with-respect-theretow

14 (5)(2) That as this application-under-Article-Y-of-the 15 Constitution-of-the-United-States RESOLUTION is the exercise of a fundamental power of the sovereign states under the 16 17 Constitution of the United States, it is requested that 18 receipt of this application RESOLUTION by the Senate and the 19 House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States be officially noted and entered upon their respective 20 records and that the full text of this resolution be 21 published in the official publication of both the Senate and 22 23 the House of Representatives of the Congress-

24 (67(3) That copies of this resolution be sent by the
25 Secretary of State of Nontana to the Secretary of State and

presiding officers of both houses of the legislatures of
 each state in the Union, the Speaker and the Clerk of the
 United States House of Representatives, the President and
 the Secretary of the United States Senate, and to each
 member of the Montana Congressional delegation.
 (7)-That-no-convention-be-called---until---federal

7 statutes-ore-enocted-that-specifically-provide-for-a-process 8 by-which-the-convention-is-conducted-and-the-manner-by-which 9 the---convention*s---subject---watter---may--be--delineatedy 10 restrictedy-deliberatedy-and-vated-upons

-End-

SJR 19

-4-

.

1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 19 2 INTRODUCED BY DOVER, GALT, KOLSTAD, SMITH, BRIGGS, 3 CONROY, HURWITZ, CURTISS, ELLISON, MARKS, 4 COZZENS, NORDIVEDT, BURNETT, SPILKER, 5 DEVLIN, HANNAH, WINSLOW, D. O'HARA, 6 IVERSON, SWITZER, ROTH, SCHULTZ 7 8 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF 9 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA CALLING FOR THE 10 CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO PROPOSE AND SUBMIT TO THE 11 STATES AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES 12 REQUIRING, WITH CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS, A BALANCED FEDERAL 13 BUDGET AND-ALTERNATIVELY-PETITIONING--THE--CONGRESS--OF--THE 14 UNITED-STATES-TO-CALL-A-CONVENTION-FOR-THE-EXCLUSIVE-PURPOSE 15 8F--PR8P85ING-AN-AMENBMENT-T8-THE-CONSTITUTION-OF-THE-UNITED 16 STATES--REQUIRINGY--WITH--CERTAIN--EXCEPTIONSY--A---BALANCED 17 FEBERAL-BUDGET AND-ALTERNATIVELY-PETITIONING-THE-CONGRESS-OF 10 THE--UNITED--STATES--TO--EALL-A-EDNYENTION-FOR-THE-EXELUSIVE 19 <u>PURPOSE-OF-PROPOSING-AN-AMENOMENT-TO-THE-CONSTITUTION-OF-THE</u> 20 UNITED-STATES-REQUIRING--WITH-EERTAIN-EXCEPTIONS--A-BALANCED 21 FEBERAL-BUDGET.

22

23 WHEREAS, with each passing year this nation becomes 24 more deeply in debt as its expenditures grossly and 25 repeatedly exceed available revenues; and 1 WHEREAS: convinced that fiscal irresponsibility at the 2 federal level, with the inflation that results from this 3 policy, is the greatest threat that faces our nation, the 4 Legislature firmly believes that constitutional restraint is 5 vital to bring the fiscal discipline needed to restore 6 financial responsibility; and

7 WHEREAS, under Article V of the Constitution of the 8 United States, amendments to the federal Constitution may be 9 proposed by the Congress whenever two-thirds of both houses 10 consider it necessary or--upon--the--application--of--the 11 legislatures--of--two-thirds-of-the-states-that-the-Congress call--o--constitutional--convention--for--the---purpose---of 12 proposing--amendments--that--shall-be-valid-when-ratified-by 13 the-legislatures-of-three-fourths-of-the-states <u>OR-UPON--THE</u> 14 APPETEATTEN-OF-THE-LEGISLATURES-OF-TWO-THIRDS-OF-THE-STATES 15 16 THAT-THE-CONGRESS-CALL-A-CONSTITUTIONAL-CONVENTION__FOR__THE 17 PURPOSE--OF--PROPOSENG--AMENOMENTS-_THAT-SHALL<u>-BE-VA</u>LED-W<u>HE</u>N RATIFEED-BY-THE-LEGISLATURES-OF-THREE-FOURTHS-DF-THE-STATES. 18 19 NOW. THEREFORE. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE 20 OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA: 15

(1) That the Congress of the United States is
requested to propose and submit to the states an amendment
to the Constitution of the United States requiring that, in
the absence of a national emergency, the federal budget be

-2- SJR 19

REFERENCE BILL

1	balanced each fiscal year within 4 years after the amendment
2	is ratified by the various states.

3 (2)--Thatv---alternativelyv --this---body--respectfully 4 petitions-the-Congress--of--the--United--States--to--call--a 5 convention---for--the--specific--and--exclusive--purpose--of 6 proposing-an-amendment-to-the--Constitution--of--the--United 7 States--to--require--a--balanced--federal-budget-ond-to-make 8 certain-exceptions-with-respect-theretow

9 (3)--That-this-application-by-this-body--constitutes--a 10 continuing--application--in-accordance-with-Article-V-of-the 11 Constitution-of-the-United-States-until-at-least--two-chirds 12 of---the--teqistatures--of--the--states--have--made--similar 13 applications-pursuant-to-Article-Vy--but--that--if--Congress 14 15 subject-matter-to-that-contained-in-this--joint--resolution, 16 this--petition-for-a-constitutional-convention-no-longer-has 17 any-force-or-effects

18 (4)--That-this-request-has-no-effect-if-this-convention 19 is-not-limited-to-the--specific--and--exclusive--purpose--of 20 requiring-a--balanced--federal--budget-and-allowing-certain 24 exceptions-with-respect-thereto= 22 <u>(2)--THATy--ALTERNATIVELTy---THIS---BODY---RESPECTFULLT</u>

 PETITIONS--THE--CONGRESS--OF--THE--UNITED--STATES--TO-CALL-A

 23
 <u>PETITIONS--THE--CONGRESS--OF--THE--UNITED--STATES--TO-CALL-A</u>

 24
 <u>CONVENTION--FOR--THE--SPECIFIC--AND--EXELUSIVE--PURPOSE---OF</u>

 25
 <u>PROPOSING--AN--AMENDMENI--TO--THE-CONSTITUTION-OF-THE-UNITED</u>

1	<u>STATES-TO-REQUIRE-A-BALANCEDFEDERALBUDGET-ANDTBMAKE</u>
S	<u>EERTAIN-EXCEPTIONS-WITH-RESPECT-THERETO</u>
3	<u>131</u>
4	<u>EONTINUING-APPLIEATION-IN-AEEOROANEE-WITH-ARTIELE-YOFTHE</u>
5	EONSTITUTIONOF-THE-UNITED-STATES-UNTIL-AT-LEAST-THU-THIRDS
6	<u> </u>
7	APPLICATIONS PURSUANTTOARTICLEVy-BUT-THAT-IF-EBNGRESS
8	<u> PROPOSES-ANAMENDMENTTOTHEEBNSTITUTIONITENTIEALIN</u>
9	<u>SUBJEETMATTERTO-THAT-CONTAINED-IN-THIS-JOINT-RESOLUTION</u>
10	<u> THIS-PETITION-FOR-A-EONSTITUTIONAL-EONVENTION-NO-LONGERHAS</u>
11	ANY-FOREE-OR-EFFEET=
12	<u>tsttHAT_THIS_REQUEST_HAS_NO_EFFEET_IE_THIS_EONVENTION</u>
13	<u>15NOTLIMITEDIOIHESPEGIFIC-AND-EXCLUSIVE-PURPOSE-OF</u>
14	REQUIRING-A-BALANCED-FEDERALBUDGETANDALLUWINGEERTAIN
15	EXCEPTIONS-WITH-RESPECT-THERETO:
16	t5]<u>f</u>2]15][2] That as this opplication-under-Article-V
17	of-the-Constitution-of-the-United-States <u>APPLICATIONUNDER</u>
18	ARTIELEVUFTHEEONSTITUTION-OFIHEUNITED-STATES
19	<u>RESOLUTION</u> is the exercise of a fundamental power
20	of the sovereign states under the constitution of the United
21	States, it is requested that receipt of this application
22	APPLIEATION RESOLUTION by the Senate and the
2 3	House of Representatives of the Congress of the United
24	States be officially noted and entered upon their respective
25	records and that the full text of this resolution be

- 3-

SJR 19

-4-

SJR 19

1	published in the official publication of both the Senate and
2	the House of Representatives of the Congress.
3	<pre>t6tt3tt6t(3) That copies of this resolution be sent by</pre>
4	the Secretary of State of Montana to the Secretary of State
5	and presiding officers of both houses of the legislatures of
6	each state in the Union, the Speaker and the Clerk of the
7	United States House of Representatives, the President and
8	the Secretary of the United States Senate, and to each
9	member of the Montana Congressional delegation.
10	{} T hatnoconventionbecolleduntilfederal
11	statutes-are-enacted-that-specifically-provide-for-a-process
12	by-which-the-convention-is-conducted-and-the-manner-by-which
13	theconvention*ssubjectmattermaybedelineatedy
14	restrictedy-deliberatedy-and-yoted-upon*
15	<u>t7}THATNBEONVENTIONBEGALLEDUNTILFEDERAL</u>
16	STATUTES-ARE-ENAGTED-THAT-SPECIFICALLY-PROVIDE-EOR-A-PROCESS
17	<u>BY-WHICH-THE-EGNVENTION-IS-EGNDUGTED-AND-THE-MANNER-BY-WHICH</u>
18	<u>THEEBNVENTION*SSUBJEETMATTERMAYBEDELINEATEBy</u>
19	RESTRICTEBY_BELIBERATEDY_AND_VOTED-UPONy

•

.

-End-

-5-

.

SJR 19

House amendments to Senate Joint Resolution 19

1. Strike: House State Administration Committee amendments of March 26, 1981 to SJR 19.