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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ***1***

A RESOLUTION rescinding all requests by the New Hampshire legislature for a federal constitutional convention.

SPONSORS: Rep. Notter, Hills 21; Rep. LeBrun, Hills 32; Rep. Baldasaro, Rock 5;  
Rep. Marston, Hills 19

COMMITTEE: Legislative Administration

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ANALYSIS

This concurrent resolution rescinds all requests by the New Hampshire legislature for a federal constitutional convention.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fifteen*

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1       Whereas, the New Hampshire legislature, acting with the best of intentions, has, at various  
2 times and during various sessions, previously made applications to the United States Congress to  
3 call one or more conventions to propose amendments concerning specific subjects to the  
4 United States Constitution, pursuant to Article V thereof; and

5       Whereas, former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court Warren E. Burger, former Associate  
6 Justice of the Supreme Court Arthur Goldberg, and other leading constitutional scholars, agreed  
7 that such a convention may propose sweeping changes to the Constitution, any limitations or  
8 restrictions purportedly imposed by the states in requesting the convention notwithstanding, thereby  
9 creating imminent peril to the well established rights of citizens and the duties of various levels of  
10 government; and

11       Whereas, the United States Constitution has been amended many times in the history of this  
12 nation and may be amended many more times without the need to resort to a constitutional  
13 convention, and has been interpreted for more than 200 years and has been found to be a sound  
14 document which protects the lives and liberties of the citizens; and

15       Whereas, there is no need for, rather, there is great danger in, a new constitution or in opening  
16 the United States Constitution to sweeping changes, the adoption of which could create legal chaos  
17 in this nation and only begin the process of another 2 centuries of litigation over its meaning and  
18 interpretation; now, therefore, be it

19       Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

20       That any and all requests by the New Hampshire legislature for a federal constitutional  
21 convention are hereby rescinded and deemed null and void; and

22       That the New Hampshire legislature urges all other state that have applied to Congress to call  
23 either a general or limited constitutional convention to rescind and withdraw their applications; and

24       That copies of this resolution be forwarded by the house clerk to the President of the  
25 United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the  
26 United States Senate, each member of the New Hampshire congressional delegation, the  
27 Administrator of the United States General Services Administration, and to the presiding officers of  
28 both houses of the legislatures of each state.