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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ***1***

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SPONSORS: Rep. Bernardy, Rock. 36; Rep. Porcelli, Rock. 19; Rep. Hobson, Rock. 14; Rep. Ploszaj, Belk. 1; Rep. Wallace, Rock. 8; Rep. Potenza, Straf. 19; Rep. Burnham, Straf. 2; Rep. Connor, Straf. 19; Rep. Phinney, Straf. 9

COMMITTEE: State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs

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ANALYSIS

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**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Three*

A RESOLUTION        a resolution applying for a convention of the states under Article V of the Constitution of the United States.

1        Whereas, the founders of our Constitution empowered state legislators to be guardians of liberty  
2 against future abuses of power by the federal government; and

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

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

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

9        Whereas, it is the solemn duty of the states to protect the liberty of our people, particularly for  
10 the generations to come, by proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States through  
11 a convention of the states under Article V for the purpose of restraining these and related abuses of  
12 power; now, therefore, be it

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

14        That the legislature of the state of New Hampshire hereby applies to Congress, under the  
15 provisions of Article V of the Constitution of the United States, for the calling of a convention of the  
16 states limited to proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States that impose fiscal  
17 restraints on the federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and  
18 limit the terms of office for its officials and for members of Congress.

19        That the house clerk is hereby directed to transmit copies of this application to the president and  
20 secretary of the United States senate and to the speaker and clerk of the United States House of  
21 Representatives, and copies to the members of the said senate and house of representatives from this  
22 state; to the presiding officers of each of the legislative houses in the other states, requesting their  
23 cooperation.

24        That this application constitutes a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the  
25 Constitution of the United States until the legislatures of at least two-thirds of the several states  
26 have made applications on the same subject.