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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 23-004

101 **MEMORIALIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS**
102 **FOR AN ARTICLE V CONVENTION OF THE STATES FOR PROPOSING**
103 **AMENDMENTS TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION THAT**
104 **IMPOSE FISCAL RESTRAINTS ON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT,**
105 **LIMIT THE POWER AND JURISDICTION OF THE FEDERAL**
106 **GOVERNMENT, AND LIMIT THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR ITS**
107 **OFFICIALS AND FOR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.**

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

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

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
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1 WHEREAS, The federal government has invaded the legitimate
2 roles of the states through the manipulative process of federal mandates,
3 most of which are unfunded to a great extent; and

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

6 WHEREAS, It is the solemn duty of the states to protect the liberty
7 of our people, particularly for generations to come, by proposing
8 amendments to the Constitution of the United States through a convention
9 of the states under article V for the purpose of restraining these and
10 related abuses of power; now, therefore,

11 *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventy-fourth General*
12 *Assembly of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives*
13 *concurring herein:*

14 (1) That the Colorado General Assembly hereby applies to the
15 United States Congress, under the provisions of article V of the
16 Constitution of the United States, for the calling of a convention of the
17 states limited to proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United
18 States that impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the
19 power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the terms of
20 office for its officials and for members of Congress; and

21 (2) That this application constitutes a continuing application in
22 accordance with article V of the Constitution of the United States until
23 the legislatures of at least two-thirds of the several states have made
24 applications on the same subject.

25 *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Joint Memorial be sent
26 to the President and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker
27 and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, each member
28 of Colorado's congressional delegation, and to the officers of each of the
29 legislative houses in the several states, requesting their cooperation.