

Amendment No.

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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1 Representative Fetterman offered the following:
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3 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 Remove lines 62-103 and insert:

5 WHEREAS, constitutional equality for men and women
6 continues to be timely in the United States, and many other
7 nations have achieved constitutional equality for their men and
8 women, and

9 WHEREAS, the Equal Rights Amendment for men and women is
10 necessary in order to guarantee that gender is considered a
11 suspect classification and entitled to the same scrutiny that
12 courts reserve for race, religion, and national origin.

13 WHEREAS, Article V of the Constitution of the United
14 States makes provision for amending the Constitution on the
15 application of the legislatures of two-thirds of the several
16 states, calling a convention for proposing amendments that shall
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17 be valid to all intents and purposes if ratified by the
18 legislatures of three-fourths of the several states, or by
19 conventions in three-fourths thereof, as one or the other mode
20 of ratification may be proposed by Congress, NOW, THEREFORE,
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22 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida, the House
23 of Representatives Concurring:
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25 That the Legislature of the State of Florida, with all due
26 respect and great reluctance, does hereby make application to
27 the Congress of the United States pursuant to Article V of the
28 Constitution of the United States to call an Article V
29 amendments convention for the purpose of proposing amendments to
30 the Constitution of the United States:

31 (1) To achieve and maintain a balanced budget by:

32 (a) Requiring that such balanced budget account for all
33 obligations of the Federal Government;

34 (b) Allowing flexibility in federal balanced budget
35 requirements by providing exceptions related to exigencies such
36 as national emergencies or threats to the nation's security;

37 (c) Imposing spending limits on the Federal Government;

38 (d) Setting extraordinary vote requirements for new or
39 increased federal taxes and other revenues; and

40 (e) Prohibiting federal mandates on states to impose taxes
41 or fees.

42 (2) To control the ability of the Congress and the various
43 federal executive agencies to require states to expend funds by:

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44 (a) Limiting the ability of Congress and the various
45 federal executive agencies to pass legislation requiring states
46 to spend money or to take actions requiring the expenditure of
47 money unless federal funds are provided in ongoing amounts
48 sufficient to offset the full costs of such requirements; and

49 (b) Limiting the ability of Congress to dictate to states
50 requirements for the expenditure of federal funds other than
51 such requirements as may be necessary to measure outcomes to be
52 achieved through the expenditure of the federal funds, leaving
53 to the several states the ability to decide how to best
54 accomplish those outcomes.

55 (3) To ensure equality of rights under the law shall not
56 be denied by the United States or by any State on account of
57 sex.

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62 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

63 Remove lines 5-8 and insert:
64 balanced federal budget, limit the ability of Congress to
65 dictate to states requirements for the expenditure of federal
66 funds, and ensure that equality of rights under the law shall
67 not be denied on account of sex.

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