

Amendment No. 1

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	<u>    </u>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	<u>    </u>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	<u>    </u>	(Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	<u>    </u>	(Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	<u>    </u>	(Y/N)
OTHER	<u>    </u>	

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Judiciary Committee  
 2 Representative Beshears offered the following:

**Amendment (with title amendment)**

5 Remove everything after the resolving clause and insert:

6 (1) That the Legislature of the State of Florida, with all  
 7 due respect, does hereby make application to the Congress of the  
 8 United States pursuant to Article V of the United States  
 9 Constitution to call a convention for the sole purpose of  
 10 proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States  
 11 to provide that Congress shall pass no bill, and no bill shall  
 12 become law, which embraces more than one subject, that subject  
 13 to be clearly expressed in the bill's title.

14 (2) That this memorial is revoked and withdrawn,  
 15 nullified, and superseded to the same effect as if it had never  
 16 been passed, and be retroactive to the date of passage, if it is  
 17 used for the purpose of calling a convention or used in support

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18 of conducting a convention to amend the Constitution of the  
19 United States for any purpose other than requiring that every  
20 law enacted by Congress embrace only one subject, which shall be  
21 clearly expressed in the title.

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

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
27 dispatched to the President of the United States, to the  
28 President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the  
29 United States House of Representatives, and to each member of  
30 the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.

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Remove everything before the resolving clause and insert:  
A memorial to the Congress of the United States, applying to  
Congress to call a convention for the purpose of proposing an  
amendment to the Constitution of the United States to provide  
that every law enacted by Congress shall embrace only one  
subject, which shall be clearly expressed in its title.

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43 WHEREAS, each measure before a legislative body should pass  
44 on its own merits without depending on legislative support for  
45 other unrelated measures to achieve the required number of votes  
46 for passage, and

47 WHEREAS, a single-subject constitutional provision  
48 addresses this concern by prohibiting a legislative body from  
49 enacting a law that embraces more than one subject, and

50 WHEREAS, 41 of the 50 states, including Florida, have a  
51 single-subject provision in their respective state  
52 constitutions, and the legislatures and citizens of these states  
53 have benefited from a single-subject requirement, and

54 WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States is the  
55 supreme law of the United States of America, touching the lives  
56 of every citizen in the several states, but is missing this  
57 important provision, and

58 WHEREAS, our great country is deep in debt and Congress is  
59 currently searching for a solution, and

60 WHEREAS, a federal single-subject amendment would provide  
61 the means to limit pork barrel spending, control the phenomenon  
62 of legislating through riders, limit omnibus legislation  
63 produced by logrolling, prevent public surprise, and increase  
64 the institutional accountability of Congress and its members,  
65 and

66 WHEREAS, it is Florida's hope and desire that Congress will  
67 be able to conduct its business in a more productive, efficient,

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68 transparent, and less acrimonious way with a single-subject  
69 requirement, and

70 WHEREAS, Article V of the United States Constitution makes  
71 provision for amending the Constitution on the application of  
72 the legislatures of two-thirds of the several states, calling a  
73 convention for proposing amendments that shall be valid to all  
74 intents and purposes if ratified by the legislatures of three-  
75 fourths of the several states or by conventions in three-fourths  
76 thereof, as the one or the other mode of ratification may be  
77 proposed by Congress, NOW, THEREFORE,