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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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1 Representative Fetterman offered the following:  
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3 **Amendment**

4 Remove lines 62-103 and insert:

5 WHEREAS, the United States Congress has recently seen fit  
6 to use taxpayer money to directly benefit corporations that were  
7 experiencing market difficulties, and

8 WHEREAS, free market ideals envision the failure of  
9 corporations that make bad business decisions, and

10 WHEREAS, Article V of the Constitution of the United States  
11 makes provision for amending the Constitution on the application  
12 of the legislatures of two-thirds of the several states, calling  
13 a convention for proposing amendments that shall be valid to all  
14 intents and purposes if ratified by the legislatures of three-  
15 fourths of the several states, or by conventions in three-

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16 fourths thereof, as one or the other mode of ratification may be  
17 proposed by Congress, NOW, THEREFORE,

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19 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida, the House  
20 of Representatives Concurring:

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22 That the Legislature of the State of Florida, with all due  
23 respect and great reluctance, does hereby make application to  
24 the Congress of the United States pursuant to Article V of the  
25 Constitution of the United States to call an Article V  
26 amendments convention for the purpose of proposing amendments to  
27 the Constitution of the United States:

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

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

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

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

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

37 (e) Prohibiting federal mandates on states to impose taxes  
38 or fees.

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

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

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

52 (3) To prohibit the Federal Government from directly using  
53 taxpayer money to provide direct financial assistance to  
54 privately owned or publicly traded entities.