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By: Representative Hinshaw

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

PETITIONING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO ADOPT AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES TO PROHIBIT INCREASING, FROM THE LEVELS IN EFFECT IN 1988, THE SALARIES, PENSIONS, AND OTHER BENEFITS FOR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND OTHER FEDERAL OFFICIALS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES AND TO PROHIBIT MEMBERS OF CONGRESS FROM RECEIVING HONORARIA, OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE, TO CALL A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION TO PROPOSE SUCH AN AMENDMENT.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SEVENTY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS AND BY THE SENATE, A MAJORITY OF ALL MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE AGREEING THERETO:

That the Congress of the United States is hereby petitioned to adopt an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, for submission to the states for ratification, to prohibit increasing, from the levels in effect in 1988, the salaries, pensions, and other fringe benefits of members of Congress and other elected or appointed federal officials until the federal budget deficit shows a decline for the past and current fiscal years and until there is a balanced federal budget for the immediate upcoming fiscal year, and that members of the Congress be prohibited from receiving honoraria; or,

IN THE ALTERNATIVE, IT IS RESOLVED, That pursuant to Article V of the Constitution of the United States, the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas petitions the Congress of the United States of America, at its session, to call a convention for the specific and exclusive purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to prohibit increasing, from the levels in effect in 1988, the salaries, pensions, and other fringe benefits of members of the Congress and other elected or appointed federal officials until the federal budget deficit shows a decline for the past and current

fiscal years and until there is a balanced federal budget for the immediate upcoming fiscal year, and that members of Congress be prohibited from receiving honoraria; AND,

FURTHER RESOLVED, That if Congress adopts an amendment to the Constitution of the United States identical in subject matter to that contained in this resolution, then the petition for a convention shall no longer be of any force or effect; AND,

FURTHER RESOLVED, That certified copies of this joint resolution be transmitted by the Secretary of State to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and to each member of this state's delegation to the Congress and that printed copies be sent to each house of each state legislature in the United States.