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The House was called to order by the Speaker at 2:30 p.m.

Prayer

The following prayer was offered by House Chaplain Tim Perrier, upon invitation of the Speaker:

You may have heard this thought before, that when people work, people work, but when people pray, God works.

So, Father, I pray that this Session we would all become more reliant on prayer and less reliant on our own efforts.

Help us to bring our struggles and needs to you quickly, and may we be slow to try and fix our own problems.

Help us to remember and believe that prayer changes things.

Remind us often that we have a loving God who invites us to bring our worries and concerns to Him.

Finally, Lord, we want to thank You for the many ways You have blessed and protected these friends. Continue to give them safety. Continue to protect their families and their friends who are back home, and who are also serving. Continue to give them wisdom. Continue to give them faith and belief.

Lord, we thank You in advance for all You will do in us and through us this Session.

And all God's people said, Amen.

The following members were recorded present:

Session Vote Sequence: 527

Speaker Renner in the Chair.

Yeas—113

Altman	Borrero	Cross	Gossett-Seidman
Alvarez	Botana	Daley	Gottlieb
Amesty	Brackett	Daniels	Grant
Anderson	Bracy Davis	Driskell	Gregory
Antone	Brannan	Duggan	Harris
Arrington	Buchanan	Dunkley	Hart
Baker	Busatta Cabrera	Edmonds	Holcomb
Bankson	Campbell	Eskamani	Hunschofsky
Barnaby	Canady	Esposito	Jacques
Bartleman	Caruso	Fabricio	Joseph
Basabe	Casello	Fine	Killebrew
Bell	Cassel	Gantt	Koster
Beltran	Chamberlin	Garcia	LaMarca
Benjamin	Chambliss	Garrison	Leek
Berfield	Chaney	Giallombardo	López, J.
Black	Clemons	Gonzalez Pittman	Lopez, V.

Maggard	Persons-Mulicka	Rudman	Tomkow
Maney	Plakon	Salzman	Trabulsy
Massullo	Plasencia	Shoaf	Tramont
McClain	Porras	Silvers	Truenow
McClure	Rayner	Sirois	Tuck
McFarland	Redondo	Skidmore	Valdés
Melo	Renner	Smith	Waldron
Michael	Rizo	Snyder	Williams
Mooney	Roach	Stark	Woodson
Nixon	Robinson, F.	Steele	Yarkosky
Overdorf	Robinson, W.	Stevenson	
Payne	Rommel	Tant	
Perez	Roth	Temple	

Nays—None

(A list of excused members appears at the end of the *Journal*.)

A quorum was present.

Pledge

The members, led by the following, pledged allegiance to the Flag: Chase A. Christie of Lakewood Ranch at the invitation of Rep. Beltran; Chloe A. Cox of Destin at the invitation of Rep. Maney; Claire Elise Gray of Tallahassee at the invitation of Rep. Steele; Reagan Grace Giles of Tallahassee at the invitation of Rep. Rommel; Elizabeth J. LaComb of Winter Park at the invitation of Rep. Harris; Andrew M. Miller of Tallahassee at the invitation of the Speaker *pro tempore*; Viola Rementeria of Fort Lauderdale at the invitation of Rep. Daley; and Lucais S.R. Sigg of Fort Myers at the invitation of Rep. Botana.

Reports of Standing Committees and Subcommittees

Reports of the Rules Committee

The Honorable Paul Renner December 12, 2023
Speaker, House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Rules Committee herewith submits the Special Order for Tuesday, January 9, 2024. Consideration of the House bills on Special Orders shall include the Senate Companion measures on the House Calendar.

A. BILLS ON SPECIAL ORDER: I. Consideration of the following bills:

HCR 703 - Sirois
Balanced Federal Budget

HCR 693 - Borrero
Congressional Term Limits

B. PROCEDURES:

Time allocations apply to all bills listed in Section A and any bill substituted for or taken up in lieu of a listed bill. Amendment sponsors shall have 2 minutes to open and 2 minutes to close, except as outlined below.

Except for the bills listed in Section C, the House shall spend no more than the following times:

- For each bill:
 - Questions and answers - 10 minutes
 - Debate - 5 minutes
- For each amendment:
 - Questions and answers - 5 minutes
 - Debate - 5 minutes

For all bills, along with their associated amendments, the time for questions and answers includes both the question and the answer and shall be no more than the times listed. Neither the question nor the answer shall be protracted in an attempt to use up the time.

Once more than 10 non-bill sponsor amendments are filed, the allocation of time spent on each non-bill sponsor amendment shall be determined as follows:

- 90 minutes divided by the total number of non-sponsor amendments filed.
- The time allocated for each non-bill sponsor amendment shall be divided equally between the open, questions, debate, and close.
- Amendments withdrawn prior to consideration of the bill do not count toward the total.

For the bills listed in Section C, time spent on debate shall be allocated as specified, with the time equally divided. In addition to the allotted time, the sponsor will explain and close the bill, closing not to exceed 10 minutes. After opening, the debate managers (or their designee) shall be alternately recognized until their time runs out. Time not utilized is lost.

- Debate managers may speak in debate and yield time to other Members to debate; no Member may be recognized for debate unless a debate manager yields time to that Member. Recognitions of debate managers must go through the Speaker. A Member may not be recognized more than once in debate on the bill or amendment.

C. TIME ALLOCATIONS FOR SPECIFIED BILLS:

Bill	Time in Questions and Answers	Time in Debate
HCR 703 Balanced Federal Budget	Bill: 20 minutes Amendments: 5 minutes each	Bill: 40 minutes total; 20 minutes per side in 10 minute blocks
HCR 693 Congressional Term Limits	Bill: 20 minutes Amendments: 5 minutes each	Bill: 40 minutes total; 20 minutes per side in 10 minute blocks

A quorum was present in person, and a majority of those present agreed to the above Report.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel Perez, Chair
Rules Committee

On motion by Rep. Perez, the above report was adopted.

Special Orders

By Representatives Sirois and Gregory—

HCR 703— A concurrent resolution applying to the Congress of the United States to call a convention for the sole purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States which requires a balanced federal budget.

WHEREAS, on April 21, 2010, the Legislature of the State of Florida passed Senate Concurrent Resolution 10, which Resolution 10 made application to Congress to call a convention pursuant to Article V of the Constitution of the United States to propose amendments to the Constitution of the United States to achieve and maintain a balanced federal budget and to control the ability of Congress and federal executive agencies to dictate to states requirements for the expenditure of federal funds, and

WHEREAS, on April 21, 2014, the Legislature of the State of Florida passed Senate Memorial 658, which Memorial 658 made application to Congress to call a convention pursuant to Article V of the Constitution of the United States for the sole purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to require a balanced federal budget, and

WHEREAS, on May 2, 2023, the Legislature of the State of Florida passed Senate Memorial 176, finding that in order to ensure the stability of government and business functions at the local, regional, state, and national levels, it is imperative that the Federal Government take action to cut costs, reduce the tax burden on American families and businesses, operate according to principles of fiscal responsibility and discipline, and balance the federal budget, and urging Congress to take immediate action to begin to reduce the national debt and enact legislation requiring a balanced federal budget, and

WHEREAS, Congress continues to fail to introduce and enact legislation requiring its members to pass a balanced budget, and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Florida intends to conform its application to the active single subject applications made to Congress by the States of Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Iowa, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Missouri, Mississippi, North Carolina, North Dakota, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Wisconsin, West Virginia, and Wyoming, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

(1) That the Legislature of the State of Florida applies to Congress, under Article V of the Constitution of the United States, to call a convention limited to proposing an amendment to the Constitution requiring that, in the absence of a national emergency, the total of all federal appropriations made by the Congress for any fiscal year may not exceed the total of all estimated federal revenues for that fiscal year, together with any related and appropriate fiscal restraints.

(2) That this application is to be considered as covering the same subject matter as the presently outstanding balanced budget applications from other states and is to be aggregated with the applications from those states for the purpose of attaining the two-thirds number of states necessary to require the calling of a convention, but may not be aggregated with applications on any other subject calling for a constitutional convention under Article V of the United States Constitution.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this concurrent resolution is revoked and withdrawn, nullified, and superseded to the same effect as if it had never been passed, and retroactive to the date of passage, if it is used for the purpose of calling a convention or used in support of conducting a convention to amend the Constitution of the United States with any agenda other than to propose an amendment to the Constitution requiring that, in the absence of a national emergency, the total of all federal appropriations made by the Congress for any fiscal year may not exceed the total of all estimated federal revenues for that fiscal year, together with any related and appropriate fiscal restraints.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this application be dispatched to the President of the United States, to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, to each member of the Florida delegation to the United States Congress, and to the presiding officer of each house of the legislature of each state.

—was read the first time by title. On motion by Rep. Sirois, the rules were waived and **HCR 703** was read the second time by title.

THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE IN THE CHAIR

Representative Eskamani offered the following:

(Amendment Bar Code: 270563)

Amendment 1—Between lines 77 and 78, insert:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this concurrent resolution is inherently risky since there are no rules for an Article V Convention outlined in the Constitution of the United States, which means the group of people potentially convening to rewrite the Constitution of the United States could be unelected and unaccountable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there is nothing that could limit the convention to a single issue, which means delegates could write amendments that revoke any of our nation's most cherished rights, like the right to peaceful protest, the freedom of religion, or the right to privacy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there are no rules preventing corporations from pouring money into the convention to ensure changes are made to the Constitution of the United States to benefit a corporation's agenda versus that of the nation as a whole.

Rep. Eskamani moved the adoption of the amendment, which failed of adoption. The vote was:

Session Vote Sequence: 528

Representative Clemons in the Chair.

Yeas—33

Antone	Cross	Harris	Skidmore
Arrington	Daley	Hart	Tant
Bartleman	Daniels	Hunschofsky	Valdés
Benjamin	Driskell	Joseph	Waldron
Bracy Davis	Dunkley	López, J.	Williams
Campbell	Edmonds	Nixon	Woodson
Casello	Eskamani	Rayner	
Cassel	Gantt	Robinson, F.	
Chambliss	Gottlieb	Silvers	

Nays—80

Altman	Bell	Buchanan	Esposito
Alvarez	Beltran	Busatta Cabrera	Fabricio
Amesty	Berfield	Canady	Fine
Anderson	Black	Caruso	Garcia
Baker	Borrero	Chamberlin	Garrison
Bankson	Botana	Chaney	Giallombardo
Barnaby	Brackett	Clemons	Gonzalez Pittman
Basabe	Brannan	Duggan	Gossett-Seidman

Grant	McClain	Porras	Smith
Gregory	McClure	Redondo	Snyder
Holcomb	McFarland	Renner	Stark
Jacques	Melo	Rizo	Steele
Killebrew	Michael	Roach	Stevenson
Koster	Mooney	Robinson, W.	Temple
LaMarca	Overdorf	Rommel	Tomkow
Leek	Payne	Roth	Trabulsky
Lopez, V.	Perez	Rudman	Tramont
Maggard	Persons-Mulicka	Salzman	Truenow
Maney	Plakon	Shoaf	Tuck
Massullo	Plasencia	Sirois	Yarkosky

Votes after roll call:

Yeas—Andrade
Yeas to Nays—Andrade

Representative Driskell offered the following:

(Amendment Bar Code: 902329)

Amendment 2 (with title amendment)—Remove everything after the resolving clause and insert:

That the Legislature of the State of Florida calls upon the Congress of the United States to propose an amendment to the Constitution requiring that, in the absence of a national emergency, the total of all federal appropriations made by the Congress for any fiscal year may not exceed the total of all estimated federal revenues for that fiscal year, together with any related and appropriate fiscal restraints.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be dispatched to the President of the United States, to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and to each member of the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.

TITLE AMENDMENT

Remove everything before the resolving clause and insert:

House Concurrent Resolution

A concurrent resolution calling upon the Congress of the United States to propose an amendment to the Constitution of the United States that requires a balanced federal budget.

WHEREAS, on May 2, 2023, the Legislature of the State of Florida passed Senate Memorial 176, finding that in order to ensure the stability of government and business functions at the local, regional, state, and national levels, it is imperative that the Federal Government take action to cut costs, reduce the tax burden on American families and businesses, operate according to principles of fiscal responsibility and discipline, and balance the federal budget, and urging Congress to take immediate action to begin to reduce the national debt and enact legislation requiring a balanced federal budget, and

WHEREAS, Congress continues to fail to pass a balanced budget or to introduce and enact legislation requiring its members to pass a balanced budget, NOW, THEREFORE,

Rep. Driskell moved the adoption of the amendment, which failed of adoption. The vote was:

Session Vote Sequence: 529

Representative Clemons in the Chair.

Yeas—35

Antone	Cassel	Eskamani	López, J.
Arrington	Chambliss	Gantt	Nixon
Bartleman	Cross	Gossett-Seidman	Rayner
Basabe	Daley	Gottlieb	Robinson, F.
Benjamin	Daniels	Harris	Silvers
Bracy Davis	Driskell	Hart	Skidmore
Campbell	Dunkley	Hunschofsky	Tant
Casello	Edmonds	Joseph	Valdés

Waldron Williams Woodson

Nays—77

Altman	Chaney	Maney	Rommel
Alvarez	Clemons	Massullo	Roth
Amesty	Duggan	McClain	Rudman
Anderson	Esposito	McClure	Salzman
Baker	Fabricio	McFarland	Shoaf
Bankson	Fine	Melo	Sirois
Barnaby	Garcia	Michael	Smith
Bell	Garrison	Mooney	Snyder
Beltran	Giallombardo	Overdorf	Stark
Berfield	Gonzalez Pittman	Payne	Steele
Black	Grant	Perez	Stevenson
Borrero	Gregory	Persons-Mulicka	Temple
Botana	Holcomb	Plakon	Tomkow
Brackett	Jacques	Plasencia	Trabulsy
Brannan	Killebrew	Porras	Truenow
Buchanan	Koster	Redondo	Tuck
Busatta Cabrera	LaMarca	Renner	Yarkosky
Canady	Leek	Rizo	
Caruso	Lopez, V.	Roach	
Chamberlin	Maggard	Robinson, W.	

Votes after roll call:

Nays—Andrade, Tramont

Yeas to Nays—Basabe

Explanation of Vote for Sequence Number 529

Rep Basabe Would like to change his vote from Yea to No on Bill 703

Rep. Fabián Basabe
District 106

On motion by Rep. Sirois, the concurrent resolution was adopted. The vote was:

Session Vote Sequence: 530

Representative Clemons in the Chair.

Yeas—80

Altman	Chamberlin	Lopez, V.	Roach
Alvarez	Chaney	Maggard	Robinson, W.
Amesty	Clemons	Maney	Rommel
Anderson	Duggan	Massullo	Roth
Baker	Esposito	McClain	Rudman
Bankson	Fabricio	McClure	Salzman
Barnaby	Fine	McFarland	Shoaf
Basabe	Garcia	Melo	Sirois
Bell	Garrison	Michael	Smith
Beltran	Giallombardo	Mooney	Snyder
Berfield	Gonzalez Pittman	Overdorf	Stark
Black	Gossett-Seidman	Payne	Steele
Borrero	Grant	Perez	Stevenson
Botana	Gregory	Persons-Mulicka	Temple
Brackett	Holcomb	Plakon	Tomkow
Brannan	Jacques	Plasencia	Trabulsy
Buchanan	Killebrew	Porras	Tramont
Busatta Cabrera	Koster	Redondo	Truenow
Canady	LaMarca	Renner	Tuck
Caruso	Leek	Rizo	Yarkosky

Nays—33

Antone	Cross	Harris	Skidmore
Arrington	Daley	Hart	Tant
Bartleman	Daniels	Hunschofsky	Valdés
Benjamin	Driskell	Joseph	Waldron
Bracy Davis	Dunkley	López, J.	Williams
Campbell	Edmonds	Nixon	Woodson
Casello	Eskamani	Rayner	
Cassel	Gantt	Robinson, F.	
Chambliss	Gottlieb	Silvers	

Votes after roll call:

Yeas—Andrade

Explanation of Vote for Sequence Number 530

I was not allocated time to debate and so I am sharing my thoughts here.

Our national government deserves the same control limiting spending in Florida. For the last half century, the federal government has spent in nearly perpetual deficit. Our prodigal Congress invariably creates debt to be repaid by those who cannot yet vote – future generations.

If we do not balance our budget on our own terms and timing, it will eventually be balanced for us. This will inevitably coincide with and compound another national challenge, when our need to spend will be most acute, and creditors, foreign and domestic, will refuse to lend to our government on reasonable terms under those circumstances.

Our borrowing creates attractive yields for foreign investors, creating demand for dollars relative to other currencies. This enables currency manipulation by our political and economic adversaries and results in weak foreign currencies, thus disadvantaging American manufacturing. Stated differently, our fiscal deficit crowds out purchases of American products and exacerbates our trade deficit.

Interest on our debt accumulated through decades of deficit spending is now itself a fiscal issue. Servicing and retiring the \$34 trillion we now owe will be challenging enough. We must stop further increases.

Rep. Mike Beltran
District 70

Under Rule 11.7(i), the concurrent resolution was immediately certified to the Senate.

By Representatives Borrero, and Gregory—

HCR 693—A concurrent resolution applying to the Congress of the United States to call a convention for the sole purpose of proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States to set a limit on the number of terms to which a person may be elected as a member of the United States House of Representatives and to set a limit on the number of terms to which a person may be elected as a member of the United States Senate.

WHEREAS, a continuous and growing concern has been expressed that the best interests of the nation will be served by limiting the terms of members of Congress, and

WHEREAS, the voters of the State of Florida, by the gathering of petition signatures, placed on the general election ballot of 1992 a measure to limit the consecutive years of service for several offices, including the offices of United States Representative and United States Senator, and

WHEREAS, the voters of Florida incorporated this limitation into the State Constitution as Section 4 of Article VI, by an approval vote that exceeded 76 percent in the general election of 1992, and

WHEREAS, in 1995, the United States Supreme Court ruled in *U.S. Term Limits, Inc. v. Thornton*, 514 U.S. 779 (1995), a five-to-four decision, that the individual states did not possess the requisite authority to establish term limits, or additional qualifications, for persons elected to the United States House of Representatives or the United States Senate, and

WHEREAS, on February 10, 2016, the Legislature of the State of Florida passed House Memorial 417, which applied to Congress to call a convention for the purpose of proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States to set a limit on the number of terms to which a person may be elected as a member of the United States House of Representatives and to set a limit on the number of terms to which a person may be elected as a member of the United States Senate, and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Florida intends to conform its application to the active applications for an Article V convention to propose amendments to set a limit on the number of terms to which a person may be elected as a member of the United States House of Representatives and to set a limit on the number of terms to which a person may be elected as a member of

the United States Senate, made to Congress by the States of Alabama, Missouri, and Wisconsin, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

(1) That the Legislature of the State of Florida applies to Congress, under Article V of the Constitution of the United States, to call a convention for the sole purpose of proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States to set a limit on the number of terms to which a person may be elected as a member of the United States House of Representatives and to set a limit on the number of terms to which a person may be elected as a member of the United States Senate.

(2) That this application is to be considered as covering the same subject matter as the presently outstanding applications from other states to set a limit on the number of terms to which a person may be elected as a member of the United States House of Representatives and to set a limit on the number of terms to which a person may be elected as a member of the United States Senate and is to be aggregated with the applications from those states for the purpose of attaining the two-thirds number of states necessary to require the calling of a convention, but may not be aggregated with applications on any other subject calling for a constitutional convention under Article V of the Constitution of the United States.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this concurrent resolution is revoked and withdrawn, nullified, and superseded to the same effect as if it had never been passed, and retroactive to the date of passage, if it is used for the purpose of calling a convention or used in support of conducting a convention to amend the Constitution of the United States with any agenda other than to propose amendments to the Constitution to set a limit on the number of terms to which a person may be elected as a member of the United States House of Representatives and to set a limit on the number of terms to which a person may be elected as a member of the United States Senate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this application be dispatched to the President of the United States, to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, to each member of the Florida delegation to the United States Congress, and to the presiding officer of each house of the legislature of each state.

—was read the first time by title. On motion by Rep. Borrero, the rules were waived and the concurrent resolution was read the second time by title.

THE SPEAKER IN THE CHAIR

Introduction of Special Guest

Speaker Renner recognized former Colombian President Álvaro Uribe Vélez, seated in the West Gallery.

THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE IN THE CHAIR

Representative Eskamani offered the following:

(Amendment Bar Code: 944965)

Amendment 1—Between lines 83 and 84, insert:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this concurrent resolution is inherently risky since there are no rules for an Article V Convention outlined in the Constitution of the United States, which means the group of people potentially convening to rewrite the Constitution of the United States could be unelected and unaccountable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there is nothing that could limit the convention to a single issue, which means delegates could write amendments that revoke any of our nation's most cherished rights, like the right to peaceful protest, the freedom of religion, or the right to privacy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there are no rules preventing corporations from pouring money into the convention to ensure changes are made to the Constitution of the United States to benefit a corporation's agenda versus that of the nation as a whole.

Rep. Eskamani moved the adoption of the amendment, which failed of adoption. The vote was:

Session Vote Sequence: 531

Representative Clemons in the Chair.

Yeas—31

Antone	Chambliss	Gantt	Robinson, F.
Arrington	Cross	Gottlieb	Silvers
Bartleman	Daley	Harris	Skidmore
Benjamin	Daniels	Hart	Valdés
Bracy Davis	Driskell	Hunshofsky	Waldron
Campbell	Dunkley	Joseph	Williams
Casello	Edmonds	Nixon	Woodson
Cassel	Eskamani	Rayner	

Nays—81

Altman	Chaney	Maney	Roth
Alvarez	Clemons	Massullo	Rudman
Amesty	Duggan	McClain	Salzman
Anderson	Espinoza	McClure	Shoaf
Baker	Fabricio	McFarland	Sirois
Bankson	Fine	Melo	Smith
Barnaby	Garcia	Michael	Snyder
Basabe	Garrison	Mooney	Stark
Bell	Giallombardo	Overdorf	Steele
Beltran	Gonzalez Pittman	Payne	Stevenson
Berfield	Gossett-Seidman	Perez	Tant
Black	Grant	Persons-Mulicka	Temple
Borrero	Gregory	Plakon	Tomkow
Botana	Holcomb	Plasencia	Trabulsky
Brackett	Jacques	Porras	Tramont
Brannan	Koster	Redondo	Truenow
Buchanan	LaMarca	Renner	Tuck
Busatta Cabrera	Leek	Rizo	Yarkosky
Canady	López, J.	Roach	
Caruso	Lopez, V.	Robinson, W.	
Chamberlin	Maggard	Rommel	

Votes after roll call:

Nays—Andrade, Killebrew

Nays to Yeas—Tant

Representative Bartleman offered the following:

(Amendment Bar Code: 164385)

Amendment 2 (with title amendment)—Remove everything after the resolving clause and insert:

That the Legislature of the State of Florida calls upon the Congress of the United States to propose amendments to the Constitution of the United States to set a limit on the number of terms to which a person may be elected as a member of the United States House of Representatives and to set a limit on the number of terms to which a person may be elected as a member of the United States Senate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be dispatched to the President of the United States, to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and to each member of the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.

TITLE AMENDMENT

Remove everything before the resolving clause and insert:

House Concurrent Resolution

A concurrent resolution calling upon the Congress of the United States to propose amendments to the Constitution of the United States to set a limit on the number of terms to which a person may be elected as a member of the

United States House of Representatives and to set a limit on the number of terms to which a person may be elected as a member of the United States Senate.

WHEREAS, a continuous and growing concern has been expressed that the best interests of the nation will be served by limiting the terms of members of Congress, and

WHEREAS, the voters of the State of Florida, by the gathering of petition signatures, placed on the general election ballot of 1992 a measure to limit the consecutive years of service for several offices, including the offices of United States Representative and United States Senator, and

WHEREAS, the voters of Florida incorporated this limitation into the State Constitution as Section 4 of Article VI, by an approval vote that exceeded 76 percent in the general election of 1992, and

WHEREAS, in 1995, the United States Supreme Court ruled in *U.S. Term Limits, Inc. v. Thornton*, 514 U.S. 779 (1995), a five-to-four decision, that the individual states did not possess the requisite authority to establish term limits, or additional qualifications, for persons elected to the United States House of Representatives or the United States Senate, NOW, THEREFORE,

Rep. Bartleman moved the adoption of the amendment, which failed of adoption. The vote was:

Session Vote Sequence: 532

Representative Clemons in the Chair.

Yeas—33

Antone	Cross	Harris	Skidmore
Arrington	Daley	Hart	Tant
Bartleman	Daniels	Hunschofsky	Valdés
Benjamin	Driskell	Joseph	Waldron
Bracy Davis	Dunkley	López, J.	Williams
Campbell	Edmonds	Nixon	Woodson
Casello	Eskamani	Rayner	
Cassel	Gantt	Robinson, F.	
Chambliss	Gottlieb	Silvers	

Nays—79

Altman	Chaney	Maggard	Robinson, W.
Alvarez	Clemons	Maney	Rommel
Amesty	Duggan	Massullo	Roth
Anderson	Esposito	McClain	Rudman
Baker	Fabricio	McClure	Salzman
Bankson	Fine	McFarland	Shoaf
Barnaby	Garcia	Melo	Sirois
Basabe	Garrison	Michael	Smith
Bell	Giallombardo	Mooney	Snyder
Beltran	Gonzalez Pittman	Overdorf	Stark
Berfield	Gossett-Seidman	Payne	Steele
Black	Grant	Perez	Stevenson
Borrero	Gregory	Persons-Mulicka	Temple
Botana	Holcomb	Plakon	Tomkow
Brackett	Jacques	Plasencia	Trabulsy
Brannan	Killebrew	Porras	Tramont
Buchanan	Koster	Redondo	Truenow
Canady	LaMarca	Renner	Tuck
Caruso	Leek	Rizo	Yarkosky
Chamberlin	Lopez, V.	Roach	

Votes after roll call:

Nays—Andrade

On motion by Rep. Borrero, the concurrent resolution was adopted. The vote was:

Session Vote Sequence: 533

Speaker Renner in the Chair.

Yeas—80

Altman	Chamberlin	Lopez, V.	Roach
Alvarez	Chaney	Maggard	Robinson, W.
Amesty	Clemons	Maney	Rommel
Anderson	Duggan	Massullo	Roth
Baker	Esposito	McClain	Rudman
Bankson	Fabricio	McClure	Salzman
Barnaby	Fine	McFarland	Shoaf
Basabe	Garcia	Melo	Sirois
Bell	Garrison	Michael	Smith
Beltran	Giallombardo	Mooney	Snyder
Berfield	Gonzalez Pittman	Overdorf	Stark
Black	Gossett-Seidman	Payne	Steele
Borrero	Grant	Perez	Stevenson
Botana	Gregory	Persons-Mulicka	Temple
Brackett	Holcomb	Plakon	Tomkow
Brannan	Jacques	Plasencia	Trabulsy
Buchanan	Killebrew	Porras	Tramont
Busatta Cabrera	Koster	Redondo	Truenow
Canady	LaMarca	Renner	Tuck
Caruso	Leek	Rizo	Yarkosky

Nays—33

Antone	Cross	Harris	Skidmore
Arrington	Daley	Hart	Tant
Bartleman	Daniels	Hunschofsky	Valdés
Benjamin	Driskell	Joseph	Waldron
Bracy Davis	Dunkley	López, J.	Williams
Campbell	Edmonds	Nixon	Woodson
Casello	Eskamani	Rayner	
Cassel	Gantt	Robinson, F.	
Chambliss	Gottlieb	Silvers	

Votes after roll call:

Yeas—Andrade

Under Rule 11.7(i), the concurrent resolution was immediately certified to the Senate.

Motion to Adjourn

Rep. Perez moved that the House, after receiving reports, adjourn for the purpose of holding committee and subcommittee meetings and conducting other House business, to reconvene at 9:00 a.m., Thursday, January 11, 2024, or upon call of the Chair. The motion was agreed to.

Excused

Reps. Abbott, Andrade, Franklin, Griffiths, Hinson, Yeager

Adjourned

Pursuant to the motion previously agreed to, the House adjourned at 4:55 p.m., to reconvene at 9:00 a.m., Thursday, January 11, 2024, or upon call of the Chair.

CHAMBER ACTIONS ON BILLS

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

HCR	693 — Read 1st time; Read 2nd time; Amendment 944965 Failed; Amendment 164385 Failed; Adopted; YEAS 80, NAYS 33	HCR	703 — Read 1st time; Read 2nd time; Amendment 270563 Failed; Amendment 902329 Failed; Adopted; YEAS 80, NAYS 33
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