

HJ 0011 Amendments Convention - Limitations on Federal Power
Unfavorable

Honorable Chairmen and Delegates, I am Pastor David Whitney Senior Instructor at Institute on the Constitution where I teach the only course offered anywhere on the Maryland State Constitution.

While I applaud this attempt to reign in our Federal government, I oppose this bill as it places us in a greater danger from the Article V Convention which it calls for.

Article 5 provides two ways to amend our Constitution: Congress (1) proposes amendments and sends them to the States for ratification (this was done with our existing 27 Amendments); or (2) calls a convention for proposing amendments if 2/3 of the State Legislatures apply for it. We've never had a convention under Article V - they are dangerous!

But today, various factions are lobbying State Legislators to ask Congress to call an Article V convention. They use various "hooks" - proposed amendments which sound so nice, such as "term limits", a "balanced budget amendment", "getting money out of politics", or "limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government" - but it is bait designed to appeal to specific groups of people to get them to support an Article V convention.

What's the real agenda of those (primarily George Soros and the Kochs) who are financing the push for a convention? A convention provides the opportunity to replace our existing Constitution with a new constitution which moves us into a completely new system of government, such as the North American Union (NAU). Under the NAU, Canada, the United States, and Mexico are politically integrated and a Parliament and combined militarized police force are set up over them.

This fight isn't between Republicans & Democrats - between Conservatives & Liberals. This fight is between the Globalists and those of us who want to maintain our existing Constitution and national sovereignty. Of the 4 US Supreme Court Justices who opposed another convention, two were Liberals and two were Conservatives. So please don't pass any more applications for an Article V convention.

We can fix the issues we are facing by learning and applying our existing Constitution. There are many more effective means to reigning in the Federal

Government that are contained in our State Constitution. As Senior Instructor I would like to offer our Maryland Constitution Course free to any elected or appointed official in Maryland.

I ask for an unfavorable report on this bill JH0011.

Thank you.