

(1) an application to the Congress of the United States to call an amendment convention of the states pursuant to Article V of the United States Constitution confers no power to Congress other than the power to call such a convention. The power of Congress to exercise this ministerial duty consists solely of the authority to name a reasonable time and place for the initial meeting of a convention; and

(2) Congress shall perform its ministerial duty of calling an amendment convention of the states only upon the receipt of applications for an amendment convention for the substantially same purpose as this application from two-thirds of the legislatures of the several states; and

(3) Congress does not have the power or authority to determine any rules for the governing of an amendment convention of the states called pursuant to Article V of the United States Constitution. Congress does not have the power to set the number of delegates to be sent by any state to such a convention, nor does it have the power to name delegates to such a convention. The power to name delegates remains exclusively within the authority of the legislatures of the several states; and

(4) by definition, an amendment convention of the states means that states shall vote on the basis of one state, one vote; and

(5) a convention of the states convened pursuant to this application must be limited to consideration of the topics specified in this concurrent resolution and no other. This application is made with the express understanding that an amendment that in any way seeks to amend, modify, or repeal any provision of the Bill of Rights, the thirteenth, fourteenth, and fifteenth amendments to the States Constitution shall not be authorized for consideration at any stage. This application shall be void ab initio if ever used at any stage to consider any change to any provision of the Bill of Rights; and

(6) pursuant to Article V of the United States Constitution, Congress may determine whether proposed amendments shall be ratified by the legislatures of the several states or by special state ratification conventions. The South Carolina General Assembly recommends that Congress select ratification by the legislatures of the several states; and

(7) the South Carolina General Assembly may provide further instructions to its delegates and may recall its delegates at any time for a breach of a duty or a violation of the instructions provided. Be it further

Resolved, That copies of this application must be transmitted to the President of the United States, the Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives from this State. Be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution must also be transmitted to the presiding officers of each of the legislative houses in the several states, requesting their cooperation in this endeavor. Be it further

Resolved, 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 several states have made applications on the same subject. This application supersedes all previous applications by this General Assembly on the same subject.

POM-37. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas applying to the United States Congress for a limited national convention for the exclusive purpose of proposing an amendment to the

United States Constitution establishing term limits for members of Congress; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5022

Whereas, The framers of the Constitution of the United States of America intended that the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate should be "dependent on the people alone" (James Madison, Federalist 52); and

Whereas, Throughout American history, this dependency has evolved from a dependency on the American people alone to a dependency on powerful special interests, through spending by third-party groups, campaigns or out-of-state donors, which have created a fundamental imbalance in our representative democracy and eroded the people's trust in government; and

Whereas, Americans across the political spectrum agree that elections in the United States of America should be free from the disproportional influence of special interests and fair enough that any citizen can be elected into office; and

Whereas, The Constitution of the State of Kansas states that "all political power is inherent in the people, and all free governments are founded on their authority, and are instituted for their equal protection and benefit" (Bill of Rights, Section 2); and

Whereas, Article V of the Constitution of the United States requires the Congress of the United States to call a convention for proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States upon the application of two-thirds of the legislatures of the several states; and

Whereas, The Kansas Legislature perceives the need for a convention in order to ensure balance and integrity in our elections by proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States that will establish term limits for members of Congress to prevent the accumulation of inordinate power in members with longevity who are able to amass high amounts of funds for reelection; and

Whereas, A national convention would give the American people an opportunity to come together as a nation, by discussing solutions on how to ensure the integrity of our elections and renew the American people's trust in government; and

Whereas, Article V of the Constitution of the United States clearly states that any amendment, whether proposed by the Congress of the United States or by a convention, shall be ratified by 75% of the states, presently 38 states, ensuring that only the most reasonable proposals with widespread support shall become part of the Constitution of the United States; and

Whereas, Notwithstanding any federal or Kansas law to the contrary, the State of Kansas desires its delegates to such a national convention to be composed equally of individuals currently elected to state and local offices or selected by election in each congressional district in Kansas, except that all individuals elected or appointed to federal office, now or in the past, shall be prohibited from serving as Kansas delegates. The State of Kansas intends to retain the ability to enforce the responsibility and conduct of its delegation within the limits herein expressed: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Kansas, a majority of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Representatives and a majority of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate concurring therein: That the people of the State of Kansas, speaking through its legislature and pursuant to Article V of the Constitution of the United States, hereby apply to the Congress of the United States to call

a convention for the exclusive purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to set a limit on the number of terms that a person may be elected as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of State shall send enrolled copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Vice President of the United States in the Vice President's capacity as presiding officer of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, each Senator and Representative from Kansas in the Congress of the United States, with the respectful request that the full and complete text of this resolution be printed in the Congressional Record, the presiding officers of each legislative body of each of the several states, requesting the cooperation of the states in issuing an application compelling the Congress of the United States to call a convention for proposing amendments pursuant to Article V of the Constitution of the United States.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. WICKER for the Committee on Armed Services.

Army nominations beginning with Col. Stephanie A. Bagley and ending with Col. Guy Yelverton III, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 25, 2026.

Army nomination of Col. Brian M. Gatti, to be Brigadier General.

Marine Corps nomination of Col. Peter D. Houtz, to be Brigadier General.

*Marine Corps nominations beginning with Lt. Gen. Roger B. Turner, Jr. and ending with Maj. Gen. Keith D. Reventlow, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 13, 2026.

*Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Monte L. Rone, to be Lieutenant General.

*Navy nominations beginning with Vice Adm. John F. Wade and ending with Rear Adm. Douglas L. Williams, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 13, 2026.

*Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. Christopher J. Niemi, to be Lieutenant General.

Air Force nominations beginning with Brig. Gen. Robert K. Bogart and ending with Brig. Gen. Leigh A. Swanson, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 21, 2026.

Mr. WICKER, Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORDS on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Air Force nomination of Michael P. McFadden, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Air Force nomination of Benjamin T. Canipe, to be Major.

Air Force nomination of Sarah L. Pergande, to be Major.

Air Force nomination of Ilda Y. Isaza, to be Colonel.

Air Force nomination of Joseph M. Vanoni, to be Colonel.

Air Force nomination of Jonathan E. Menashi, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Aziz Atakuzi, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Jin H. Yoo, to be Major.

Army nomination of Harrison C. Kennedy, to be Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with James L. Bond II and ending with Michael A. Sweetland, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 13, 2026.

Army nominations beginning with Michael A. Blew and ending with Orrin W. Viner, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 13, 2026.

Army nominations beginning with Ryan C. Boileau and ending with Dennis R. Williams, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 13, 2026.

Army nominations beginning with Sarah A. Armstrong and ending with Jeremiah A. Ulrich, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 13, 2026.

Army nominations beginning with Bruce L. Mayeaux and ending with Hans P. Zeller, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 13, 2026.

Army nomination of Michelle L. Elliott, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Sang S. Row, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Robert T. Bundy, to be Major.

Army nomination of Whitney A. Green, to be Major.

Army nomination of Terry W. Hill, Jr., to be Major.

Army nomination of Alex T. Kitchin, to be Major.

Army nomination of William B. Lewandowski, to be Major.

Army nominations beginning with Nathaniel D. Bastian and ending with Damian R. Tong, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 21, 2026.

Marine Corps nomination of Thomas R. Rice, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Marine Corps nomination of Nicholas D. Downey, to be Major.

Navy nomination of Charles R. Bowen, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nomination of Joshua K. Udy, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nomination of Michael P. Arulin, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nomination of Amber B. Brandt, to be Captain.

Navy nomination of Bartholomew W. Connolly, to be Captain.

Navy nomination of Craig J. Vantassel, to be Commander.

Navy nomination of Benjamin J. Eaton, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nomination of Jessica K. Sheffield, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nomination of Jesse G. Van Heukelom, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nominations beginning with Roger A. Hennigh and ending with Alisha R. Thomas, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 13, 2026.

Navy nomination of Zachary R. Ingold, to be Lieutenant Commander.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and tes-

tify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 4405. A bill to authorize an increase in the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant allocation for jurisdictions that enter into a 287(g) agreement to enhance immigration enforcement; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 4406. A bill to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to direct research, development, demonstration, and commercial application activities in support of next-generation geothermal systems in various conditions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. CURTIS, and Mr. SCHIFF):

S. 4407. A bill to require the creation of family accounts for children to be able to use artificial intelligence chatbots, to require verifiable parental consent for teens using artificial intelligence chatbots, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. BLACKBURN:

S. 4408. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend biodiesel and renewable diesel incentives, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BANKS (for himself and Mr. CASSIDY):

S. 4409. A bill to clarify the program standards registration process for registered apprenticeship programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Ms. LUMMIS, and Mr. LEE):

S. 4410. A bill to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to provide for the payment of bonus payments of certain coal leases issued under that Act; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. COONS, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. SCHIFF, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. PADILLA, Ms. WARREN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. BOOKER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. KIM, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 4411. A bill to clarify eligibility for small business loans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. CRUZ:

S. 4412. A bill to prohibit the implementation of a Land Protection Plan for Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. ALSOBROOKS, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. KIM, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, and Ms. WARREN):

S. 4413. A bill to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to expand coverage under the Act, to increase protections for whistleblowers, to increase penalties for

high gravity violations, to adjust penalties for inflation, to provide rights for victims or their family members, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCHIFF (for himself and Mr. ROUNDS):

S. 4414. A bill to improve educational efforts related to artificial intelligence literacy at the elementary school and secondary school level, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. REED, and Mr. GALLEG0):

S. 4415. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 regarding the use of TEACH grants, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. TILLIS, and Ms. CORTEZ MASTO):

S. 4416. A bill to establish procedures for the detailing of Public Health Service Officers for purposes of advancing care in underserved communities; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. PADILLA (for himself and Mr. SCHIFF):

S. 4417. A bill to amend the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians Water Rights Settlement Act to make technical corrections, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. MARSHALL (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, and Ms. ERNST):

S. 4418. A bill to prohibit the imposition of any duty on the importation of phosphate fertilizers under section 122 or 301 of the Trade Act of 1974, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. JUSTICE, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. LEE, Mr. SHEEHY, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. CRUZ, and Mr. BANKS):

S. 4419. A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to require only foreign entities to report beneficial ownership information, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. HEINRICH (for himself and Mr. ROUNDS):

S. 4420. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the participation of physical therapists in the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment program, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand Medicare Rural Health Clinic Services and Federally Qualified Health Center Services to include physical therapy services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. GALLEG0 (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. KAINÉ, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. TILLIS):

S. 4421. A bill to amend the Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act to expand review by Congress of actions relating to sanctions imposed with respect to the Russian Federation; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. LUJÁN:

S. 4422. A bill making continuing appropriations for essential Transportation Security Administration pay and operations during the lapse in appropriations beginning on February 14, 2026, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SCOTT of Florida:

S. 4423. A bill to amend the Research and Development, Competition, and Innovation Act to require each institution of higher education to certify as part of an application for