

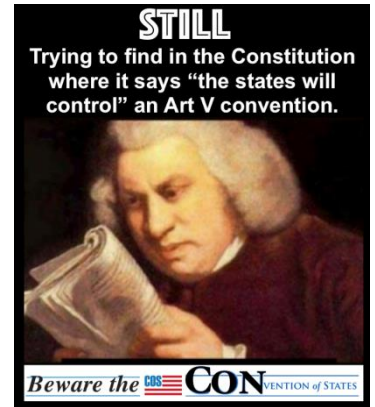
**The US Constitution and Proposed Federal Legislation PROVE
State Legislatures cannot dictate Amendments to be considered at an Art. V Convention!**

Article V, US Constitution, says:

“*The Congress*, whenever two thirds of both Houses shall deem necessary, shall propose Amendments to this Constitution, or, on the Application of the Legislatures of two thirds of the several States, *shall call a Convention* for proposing Amendments...” [italics added]

Article I, §8, last clause, US Constitution, says Congress shall have the Power...

“*To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution* the foregoing powers, and *all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the government of the United States*, or in any Department or Officer thereof.” [italics added]



The **April 11, 2014 Report of the Congressional Research Service** shows that Congress is well aware that it has the authority to make the laws to set up the convention:

“Second, While the Constitution is silent on the mechanics of an Article V convention, **Congress has traditionally laid claim to broad responsibilities in connection with a convention, including (1) receiving, judging, and recording state applications; (2) establishing procedures to summon a convention; ... (4) determining the number and selection process for its delegates...**” (p. 4).

So Congress judges the applications and decides how to count them.

Yet convention pushers *falsely assure* State Legislators that Congress "can't" call a convention until Congress gets 34 applications *asking for the same Amendment*; & that Delegates "can't" do anything except consider Amendments requested by 34 State Legislatures.

The Constitution doesn't say that – so convention pushers *made it up* in order to make State Legislators believe that a Convention can be limited to Amendments previously selected by the State Legislatures.

Meanwhile, the convention pushers' supporters in Congress are filing legislation for Congress to count all applications together –regardless of the Amendment specified in the States' applications:

- Legislation filed in Congress during 2022 **[HR 8419]** provided that *all* non-rescinded Applications would be counted together to get to 34 States. Legislation filed during 2023 **[HCR 24]** provided that *all* Applications on any "national issue" or for a balanced budget amendment - *whether since rescinded or not* – would be counted together.
- **HCR 15** filed *this year* in Congress, is similar to **HCR 24**.

It doesn't matter what Amendment a State Legislature asks for. The convention lobby **counts together applications filed** in 1861 to avert the civil war, *with* applications filed in 1901 for popular election of US Senators, *with* applications for a BBA, etc. **There's no such thing as a "limited convention"!**