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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 33

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to an amendment to the Consti-  
6 tution of the United States which would  
7 empower the President of the United  
8 States by veto to strike or reduce items  
9 in appropriation bills.

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

11 WHEREAS annually the United States moves more deeply into debt as its  
12 expenditures exceed its available revenue and the public debt now exceeds  
13 hundreds of billions of dollars; and

14 WHEREAS annually the federal budget demonstrates the unwillingness or  
15 inability of the federal government to spend in conformity with available  
16 revenue; and

17 WHEREAS forty-two states empower the governor of the state to use the  
18 item veto; and

19 WHEREAS the item veto has proven to be a powerful tool in limiting  
20 state government spending; and

21 WHEREAS, under Article V of the Constitution of the United States,  
22 amendments to the Constitution may be proposed by Congress or, on the  
23 application of the legislatures of two-thirds of the states, Congress shall  
24 call a constitutional convention for the purpose of proposing amendments;

25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Congress of  
26 the United States is requested to call a convention for the sole and exclu-  
27 sive purpose of proposing and submitting to the states an amendment to the  
28 Constitution of the United States that would empower the President of the  
29 United States by veto to strike or reduce items in appropriation bills; and

1 be it

2       FURTHER RESOLVED that if Congress proposes such an amendment to the  
3 Constitution this application shall no longer be of any force or effect.

4       COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Secretary of the United  
5 States Senate; the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives; and  
6 to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Sena-  
7 tors, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the  
8 Alaska delegation in Congress.