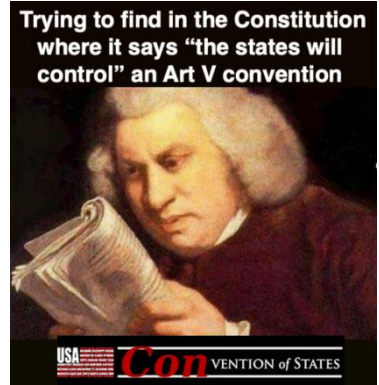


State Legislatures have NO POWER to control the Convention by selecting Amendments to be considered!



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' people in Congress are filing legislation for Congress to count all applications together –regardless of the Amendment specified in the States' applications:

- The legislation filed in Congress last year **[HR 8419]** provided that *all* non-rescinded applications would be counted together to get to 34 States.
- The Legislation filed in Congress this year **[HCR 24]** provides that *all* applications on any "national issue" or for a balanced budget Amendment - *whether since rescinded or not* - are counted together.

So it doesn't matter what Amendment a State Legislature asks for. The convention pushers know this - **they count 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"!**