

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2014 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Rules

SM 658 — Balanced Federal Budget

by Senators Stargel and Benacquisto

SM 658 is an application to the United States Congress calling upon Congress to convene an Article V constitutional amendments convention. The convention would be limited to proposing an amendment to the Constitution which requires, except in a national emergency, the total of all federal appropriations for any fiscal year may not exceed the total of all estimated federal revenues for that fiscal year, together with any related and appropriate fiscal restraints. This is commonly referred to as a balanced budget amendment.

The memorial provides that it may not be added to other application totals on any other subject calling for a constitutional convention in an effort to meet the requisite number of 34 applications needed to call a convention. It is to be a continuing application and supersedes all previous applications on the subject.

Vote: Senate Adopted; House 74-44