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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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Comm: RCS	.	
04/03/2014	.	
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The Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability
(Bean) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the resolving clause
and insert:

(1) That the Legislature of the State of Florida, with all
due respect, does hereby make application to the Congress of the
United States pursuant to Article V of the Constitution of the
United States to call a convention for the sole purpose of
proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States
to provide that Congress shall pass no bill, and no bill shall



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11 become law, which embraces more than one subject, that subject
12 to be clearly expressed in the bill's title.

13 (2) That this memorial is revoked and withdrawn, nullified,
14 and superseded to the same effect as if it had never been
15 passed, and be retroactive to the date of passage, if it is used
16 for the purpose of calling a convention or used in support of
17 conducting a convention to amend the Constitution of the United
18 States for any purpose other than requiring that every law
19 enacted by Congress embrace only one subject, which shall be
20 clearly expressed in the title.

21 (3) That this application constitutes a continuing
22 application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of
23 the United States until the legislatures of at least two-thirds
24 of the states have made applications on the same subject.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
26 dispatched to the President of the United States, to the
27 President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the
28 United States House of Representatives, and to each member of
29 the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.

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31 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

32 And the title is amended as follows:

33 Delete everything before the resolving clause
34 and insert:

35 Senate Memorial
36 A memorial to the Congress of the United States,
37 applying to Congress to call a convention for the
38 purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution
39 of the United States to provide that every law enacted



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40 by Congress shall embrace only one subject, which
41 shall be clearly expressed in its title.

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43 WHEREAS, each measure before a legislative body should pass
44 on its own merits without depending on legislative support for
45 other unrelated measures to achieve the required number of votes
46 for passage, and

47 WHEREAS, a single-subject constitutional provision
48 addresses this concern by prohibiting a legislative body from
49 enacting a law that embraces more than one subject, and

50 WHEREAS, 41 of the 50 states, including Florida, have a
51 single-subject provision in their respective state
52 constitutions, and the legislatures and citizens of these states
53 have benefited from a single-subject requirement, and

54 WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States is the
55 supreme law of the United States of America, touching the lives
56 of every citizen in the several states, but is missing this
57 important provision, and

58 WHEREAS, our great country is deep in debt and Congress is
59 currently searching for a solution, and

60 WHEREAS, a federal single-subject amendment would provide
61 the means to limit pork barrel spending, control the phenomenon
62 of legislating through riders, limit omnibus legislation
63 produced by logrolling, prevent public surprise, and increase
64 the institutional accountability of Congress and its members,
65 and

66 WHEREAS, it is Florida's hope and desire that Congress will
67 be able to conduct its business in a more productive, efficient,
68 transparent, and less acrimonious way with a single-subject



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69 requirement, and

70 WHEREAS, Article V of the Constitution of the United States
71 makes provision for amending the Constitution on the application
72 of the legislatures of two-thirds of the several states, calling
73 a convention for proposing amendments that shall be valid to all
74 intents and purposes if ratified by the legislatures of three-
75 fourths of the several states or by conventions in three-fourths
76 thereof, as the one or the other mode of ratification may be
77 proposed by Congress, NOW, THEREFORE,