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September 27, 2016

The Honorable Karen Haas
Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives
U.S. Capitol, Room H154
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Madam Clerk,

Pursuant to section 3(c) of House Resolution 5 (114th Congress), I hereby designate the attached Memorial from the State of Florida, received by the House of Representatives in the year 1972, as purporting to be an application of the State legislature calling for a convention for proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States pursuant to Article V, and request that you make it publicly available.

Sincerely,



Bob Goodlatte

Chairman

State of Florida

Department of State



I, Richard (Dick) Stone, Secretary of State of the State of Florida,
Do Hereby Certify That the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of
Senate Memorial No. 227, adopted by the Florida Legislature in Regular
Session 1972, as shown by the records of this office.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the
State of Florida at Tallahassee, the Capital,
this the 31st day of March
A.D. 1972.



Richard (Dick) Stone
Secretary of State

Senate Memorial No. 227

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4 A Memorial to the Congress of the
5 United States making application to
6 Congress to call a convention for the
7 sole and exclusive purpose of propos-
8 ing to the several states a constitu-
9 tional amendment relating to the
10 choosing of a presiding officer of
11 the Senate.

12 WHEREAS, the government of the United States
13 has traditionally been structured upon a system of
14 checks and balances in order to maintain equality
15 between the three branches of government; and

16 WHEREAS, it is of primary importance that the
17 legislative branch of government be free of any
18 restraint or pressure in order to be more fully
19 representative of the people; and

20 WHEREAS, the vice president of the United
21 States is the president of the senate pursuant to
22 Article I, Section 3 of the Constitution of the
23 United States, and may vote therein when the member-
24 ship is equally divided; and

25 WHEREAS, Article I, Section 3 of the United
26 States Constitution further provides that the senate
27 shall choose their other officers and also a president
28 pro tempore; and

29 WHEREAS, the continued existence of the
30 representative of the executive branch as the
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1 presiding officer of an independent house of Congress
2 is inimical to the preservation of an independent
3 legislature free from leadership supplied by the
4 executive branch of government; NOW, THEREFORE,

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6 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of
7 Florida:

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9 That, pursuant to Article V of the Constitu-
10 tion of the United States, the legislature of the
11 state of Florida does hereby make application to the
12 Congress of the United States to call a convention
13 for the sole and exclusive purpose of proposing to
14 the several states a constitutional amendment which
15 shall provide:

16 That the senate shall choose its officers,
17 including a presiding officer selected
18 from its membership, who shall be designat-
19 ed as the president of the senate, and
20 also a president pro tempore who shall
21 preside during the absence of the president
22 of the senate.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this application
24 shall constitute a continuing application for such
25 convention pursuant to Article V until the legisla-
26 tures of two-thirds of the states shall have made
27 like applications and such convention shall have been
28 called by the Congress of the United States unless
29 previously rescinded by this legislature, and

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies
31 of this resolution be presented forthwith to the