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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 (114<sup>th</sup> 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



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Senate Memorial No. 227

A Memorial to the Congress of the United States making application to Congress to call a convention for the sole and exclusive purpose of proposing to the several states a constitutional amendment relating to the choosing of a presiding officer of the Senate.

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

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

WHEREAS, the vice president of the United States is the president of the senate pursuant to Article I, Section 3 of the Constitution of the United States, and may vote therein when the membership is equally divided; and

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

WHEREAS, the continued existence of the representative of the executive branch as the

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