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These are my views in favor of this resolution:

Regarding Resolution #7182

My support of the Convention of States Resolution # 7182 comes from watching Congress create and pass bills with little or no consideration of how it will affect their constituents. Members of Congress seem to forget that they were sent as public servants of those who sent them to Washington, and it seems that the longer they are there the more they become distant from the reality of what is going on in the country. Both sides have lost contact with the pulse of America and apparently don't care, as they continue this reckless abuse of power.

The fact that through their reckless disregard for what the people might feel about critical national issues, they knowingly appropriate funds we don't have and have pushed our national debt to records never known before. In just this century our debt went from \$5.6T in 2000 to \$31.4T. at the end of 2023. This is an unsustainable debt that generations beyond my grandchildren will still be paying for.

Besides the financial crisis, these people are attempting to abuse the powers and privileges specifically retained by the states and not authorized to Congress. Many of the rights still specifically owned by the states, as identified in Article X (10) of the constitution have been stolen away through bills passed by Congress without State or Citizen really having a say. States have been stripped of rights concerning wages, education, unemployment and welfare programs among others.

I would also like to address that Congressional appointments were never intended to be careers in the eyes of the original drafters. Most businesses have retirement dates and some even have mandated retirement ages. Why does the government not have limits on retirement age? We have people in office that have never worked outside of the government who are now having cognitive and other health issues. Mitch McConnell has had moments during a speech where he just froze and seemed lost. Diane Feinstein was totally confused during a voting session. Even the president is showing moments of confusion and decline. Term limits should help reduce such issues, restrict lobbying, and provide members more aware of the current needs of Americans.

Thank you for allowing me the time to present these notes.

John MacDonald