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Madam Chair Sen Larson and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee. I am Senator David Clemens from District 16 in West Fargo. I am here to introduce SCR 4003 which addresses the rescinding of all extant applications by the North Dakota Legislature Assembly to call a convention under Article V of the US Constitution.

Article V in the US Constitution offers two ways of amending the Constitution.

One is for the Congress to offer an amendment to the States and when ratified by  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the States, shall become part of the Constitution.

Second way is for  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the States to call a convention to propose amendments and if ratified by  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the States shall become part of the Constitution.

The dangers of an Article V Convention of States is that the Constitution has no guidelines for such a convention. The convention or States will decide on how voting takes place, how many amendments can be voted on, what representation does each State have and what is the deadline for ratification.

We have a Constitution that has served us well for over 200 years and the problem is not the Constitution but the fact we do not follow it. Amendments so far have been accomplished through the Congress and ratified by the States.

This concludes my introduction and stand for any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Sen David Clemens