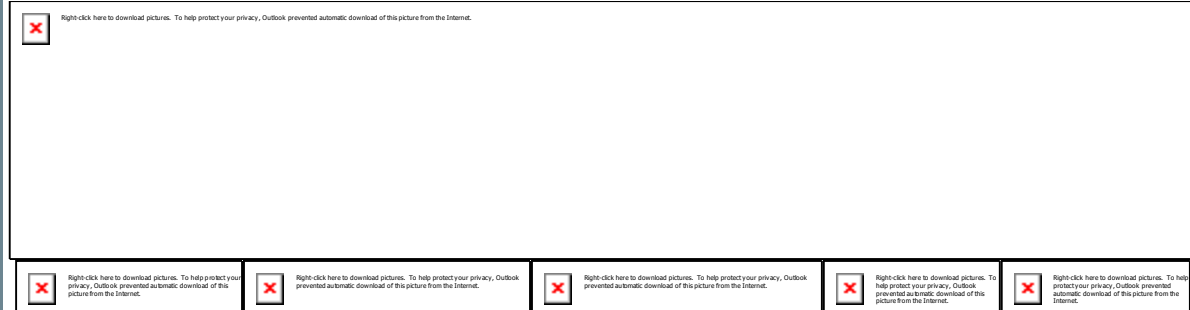


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## Government Gone

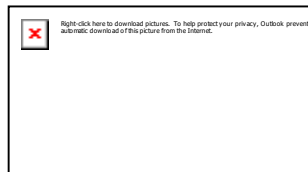
***Wild!***

Dear Friends:

Just imagine - a sleazy cable TV program titled "Government Gone Wild". Wait, that program already airs on the cable news network's 24/7.

It's disheartening to watch the Washington elites and the federal government bureaucracy expand exponentially into our daily lives while failing in their primary responsibility to keep us safe.

### Washington Out-of-Control

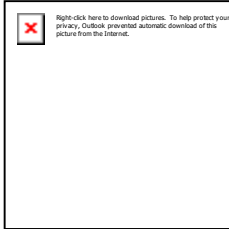


Washington is breaking the bank on our backs. Our national debt is astronomical. It has nearly doubled in the last seven years and is closing in on \$20 Trillion. Each taxpayer's share of that debt is more than \$163,000. ([View: National Debt Clock](#))

It gets worse. Health care costs have skyrocketed. So, too, has student debt. Forty-five million people (1 in 7) are on food stamps and the average annual individual welfare payment totals \$43,000. Labor force participation has plummeted along with home ownership and median family income. Meanwhile, regulations flow down from Washington to control every aspect of our lives.

Worse, America is at WAR and our very existence is threatened, yet much of official Washington remains in denial. Fortunately, most everyday American's recognize the threat and are frustrated with a lack of action to keep us safe. And this is all happening while our military strength has been cut to its lowest levels since prior to WW II.

## The Challenge is Bigger than One Person



Is the election of a new president the fix we're looking for? That's doubtful. Our bloated federal government has been expanding for more than eight decades under both Republican and Democrat presidents. Unelected bureaucrats pass laws that impact millions. The dysfunctional, squabbling Congress has become little more than an "advisory council". The Supreme Court legislates from the bench. And the executive branch writes laws and rules. The structure of the federal government is broken and *Washington will NEVER fix itself!*

## The Solution from Our Founding Fathers



While we citizens watch our country fall apart, I remain hopeful about our nation's future. That's because our wise Founding Fathers gave us a way to rein in a tyrannical federal government that threatens our way of life. Article V of the U.S. Constitution gives states the right to limit the federal government by proposing Amendments to the Constitution, just like Congress is supposed to

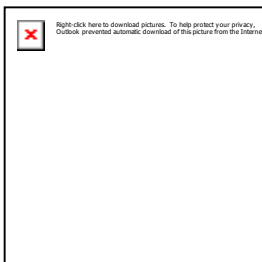
do.

## An Historic Convention Begins Today

Today, we arrive in the cradle of our democracy, historic Williamsburg, Virginia, the birthplace of the American Revolution. I'm one of 150 legislators representing all 50 states to demonstrate our ability to fix Washington. We have gathered to simulate an Article V Convention of States (COS). We will show in practice, not just in theory, how a Convention of States will function: exactly as planned and according to the specific instructions issued to it by the states.



## How the Convention Works



As with the actual convention, the rules for this Simulated Convention of States, make clear that the **ONLY** amendments that are able to be proposed and debated, are those which fall under the limited subject matter of the COS Resolution: imposing fiscal restraints on the federal government, limiting the power, scope and jurisdiction of the federal government, and imposing term limits on Congress and the Judiciary.

Only state legislators have the power to call a convention and *propose* amendments limiting the federal government. It is an awesome power intended by the Founders to give the citizens real control over the federal government. ([Learn More](#))

I join Sen. Larry Grooms and Rep. Ralph Kennedy in proudly representing the Palmetto State at this historic session. We ask for your prayers that each of us and the other Commissioners to this Article V Convention be wise in our deliberations and votes.

God Bless America!

**In your Service,**  
**Bill Taylor**  
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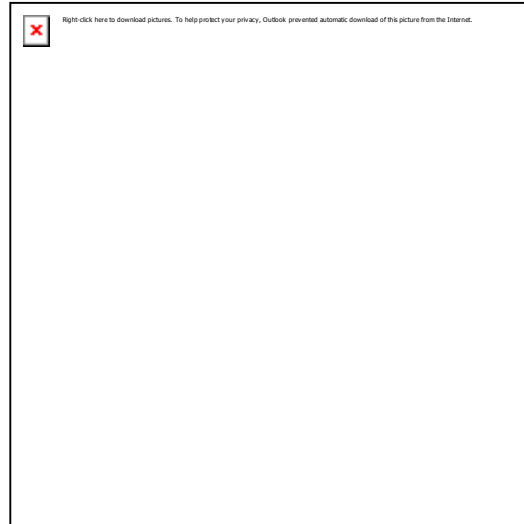
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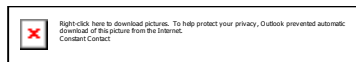


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