

Rep. Tittl Approves Legislation to Control National Debt

MANITOWOC - Rep. Paul Tittl (R-Manitowoc) voted on Tuesday in favor of legislation requesting Congress to convene a convention for the limited purpose of addressing the national debt.

“Our nation’s debt is over \$17 trillion, and I am glad we are taking action to do something about it,” Rep. Tittl said. “We cannot continue to compound this problem and pass it on to our children and grandchildren expecting them to deal with it.”

The resolution takes advantage of a provision in Article V of the US Constitution allowing two-thirds of state legislatures to call for a convention of states to draft amendments. Three-fourths of the states must then vote to ratify the amendment. Those in favor of this approach consider it the best chance to combat the national debt.

Although 49 states have laws requiring balanced budgets, the federal government has no such requirement.

“In our own families, we have to balance our budgets,” said Rep. Tittl. “The federal government should balance its budget as well.”

At least 20 other states have already passed similar resolutions calling for a convention on the federal balanced budget amendment.

Rep. Tittl also voted today in favor of legislation creating a process for selecting delegates to serve at an Article V Convention. Under this bill, the Speaker of the Assembly appoints two Assembly members, the President of the Senate appoints two Senate members, and the Governor appoints one member of either the Assembly or Senate.

The Assembly passed both pieces of legislation.

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