

# FRIENDS OF THE ARTICLE V CONVENTION

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## Has the Senate of the United States Ever Counted the Applications?

Yes. Among other counts of applications, the Senate counted state applications in 1930. In that count the Senate officially determined two thirds of the several state legislatures had made application for a convention call in accordance with Article V of the United States Constitution.

There is no requirement in Article V which mandates a count is required by both Houses of Congress before Congress is required to call a convention. Indeed the decision by Congress on [May 5, 1789](#) precludes this assumption as it determined any convention call must be based on a numeric count of applying states. Any determination of public record showing two thirds application by the state legislatures is sufficient to cause a convention call.

Despite the requirement of Article V that Congress call a convention on the application of two thirds of the several state legislatures, Congress took no action to call the required convention. There is no public record explaining why Congress believed it could disobey the Constitution. The full Senate report may be read by clicking the image of the first page of the report below.

