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**Core Idea**    **The Constitutional Amendment Process.**

**Focal Point #1**    Students need to know both the amendment method and the sequence of the steps in the process of each method (compare to Benchmark 2.1 where students need to know the components of the naturalization process but not the order of those steps).

**Focal Point #2**    Students do not need to know the content of specific amendments. However, other benchmarks (2.4, 3.7) do require that students know the substance of specific amendments.

**Potential Concerns**    The term “caucus” appears nowhere in Article V of the U.S. Constitution (the amendment process) and is not part of the amendment process. A caucus (small decision making group) is portrayed in the SOOMO video on women’s suffrage at the point in the video when Tennessee casts the final votes needed to ratify the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment (<http://soomopublishing.com/suffrage/>).

