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November 04, 2016

The Honorable Karen Haas
Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives
U.S. Capitol, Room H154
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Madam Clerk,

Pursuant to section 3(c) of House Resolution 5 (114th Congress), I hereby designate the attached Memorial from the State of Pennsylvania, received by the House of Representatives in the year 1978, as purporting to be an application of the State legislature calling for a convention for proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States pursuant to Article V, and request that you make it publicly available.

Sincerely,



Bob Goodlatte

Chairman

HISTORY OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION

Serial No. 236 (Resolution No. 236) Printer's No. 3036

By Representatives DREIBELBIS, DEVERTER, O'DONNELL, STAHL, COLE, SHANE, O'BRIEN, RITTER, SHELHAMER, GOODMAN, SALOON, ARTHURS, KERNICK, FRYER, PETRARCA, S. E. HAYES, W. W. WILT, WAGNER, WESTENBERG, KUSSE, LYNCH, FEE, H. P. MULLEN, MILLIBON, GIANNARCO, MISCEVICH, FISCHER, DININWI, MENHORN, LAUGHLIN, TAYLOR, BENNETT, ZWIKL, WOPRILOW, DIETZ, A. C. FOSTER, KISTLER, BRADLEY, LETTERMAN, GREEN, GEORGE, USTYNSKI, GRIECO, CIMINI, TADDONIO, McCUE, LEVI, KATZ, PERRI, WALSH, McCALL, LINCOLN, O'KEEFE, GILLESPIE, YANNER and NOYE

URGING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO CALL A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION TO PROPOSE AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION TO BALANCE THE PUBLIC DEBT

In the House of Representatives, March 31, 1976.

WHEREAS, Requesting appropriate action by the Congress, either acting by consent of two-thirds of both Houses or, upon the application of the Legislatures of two-thirds of the several states, calling a Constitutional Convention to propose an amendment to the Federal Constitution to require, with certain exceptions, that the total of all Federal appropriations may not exceed the total of all estimated Federal revenues in any fiscal year.

WHEREAS, With each passing year this Nation becomes more deeply in debt as its expenditures grossly and repeatedly exceed available revenues, so that the public debt now exceeds hundreds of billions of dollars; and

WHEREAS, The annual Federal budget continually demonstrates an unwillingness or inability of both the legislative and executive branches of the Federal Government to curtail spending to conform to available revenues; and

WHEREAS, Unified budgets do not reflect actual spending because of the exclusion of special outlays which are not included in the budget nor subject to the legal public debt limit; and

WHEREAS, Knowledgeable planning, fiscal prudence, and plain good sense require that the budget reflect all Federal spending and be in balance; and

WHEREAS, Believing that fiscal irresponsibility at the Federal level, with the inflation which results from this policy, is the greatest threat which faces our Nation, we firmly believe that constitutional restraint is necessary to bring the fiscal discipline needed to restore financial responsibility; and

WHEREAS, Under Article V of the Constitution of the United States, amendments to the Federal Constitution may be proposed by the Congress whenever two-thirds of both Houses deem it necessary, or on the application of the Legislatures of two-thirds of the several states the Congress shall call a Constitutional Convention for the purpose of proposing amendments. We believe such action vital; therefore be it

RESOLVED, (The Senate concurring), That the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania proposes to the Congress of the United States that procedures be instituted in the Congress to add a new article to the Constitution of the United States, and that the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania requests the Congress to prepare and submit to the several states an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, requiring in the absence of a national emergency that the total of all Federal appropriations made by the Congress for any fiscal year may not exceed the total of all estimated Federal revenues for that fiscal year; and be it further

RESOLVED, That, alternatively, the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania makes application and requests that the Congress of the United States call a Constitutional Convention for the specific and exclusive purpose of proposing an

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NOVAK, RAVENSTAHL,
ILLETTE, VALICENTI,
ASAY, RAPPAPORT, SHANE,
CHWICK, BRUNNER,
I. MULLEN, BUTERA, BITTLE,
R, A. C. FOSTER,
SPENCER, DIETZ, DEVERTER,
A. MENHORN, LEDERER,
POLITE and PANCOAST

REENACT LEGISLATION TO
ERAL REVENUE SHARING FOR
GOVERNMENTS

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amendment to the Federal Constitution requiring in the absence of a national emergency that the total of all Federal appropriations made by the Congress for any fiscal year may not exceed the total of all estimated Federal revenues for that fiscal year; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania also proposes that the Legislatures of each of the several states comprising the United States apply to the Congress requesting the enactment of an appropriate amendment to the Federal Constitution; or requiring the Congress to call a Constitutional Convention for proposing such an amendment to the Federal Constitution; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be sent to the members of the Congress from Pennsylvania; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives send copies of this joint resolution to the Secretary of State and presiding officers of both Houses of the Legislature of each of the other states in the Union, the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C. and the Secretary of the United States Senate, Washington, D. C.

Referred to Rules, March 31, 1976
Resolution to discharge committee from further consideration of the resolution adopted, June 29, 1976 (109-82)
Adopted, June 30, 1976 (Voice Vote)

In the Senate

Referred to Rules and Executive Nominations, June 30, 1976
Reported as committed, November 8, 1976
Adopted, November 9, 1976 (Voice Vote)

RESOLUTION

Serial No. 237 (Resolution No. 237) Printer's No. 3049
By Representatives D. S. HAYES, BELLOMINI, HOPKINS and DOMEROWSKI

URGING PENNSYLVANIA CONGRESSIONAL MEMBERS TO SUPPORT CONGRESSMAN H. JOHN HEINZ III IN HIS EFFORTS TO HAVE THE "SMALL BUSINESS REVITALIZATION ACT OF 1976" ENACTED

In the House of Representatives, March 31, 1976.

The enterprises of this Commonwealth consist largely of small businesses and farms. We are in danger of losing these valuable resources.

The number of independent small businesses in the United States has dropped thirty-three percent in less than thirty years. Federal statistics indicate that the number of farms has declined by more than thirty percent in the last sixteen years. These losses fan the fires of inflation and increase the rate of unemployment. Congressman H. John Heinz III has introduced a bill in Congress known as the "Small Business Revitalization Act of 1976" seeking to attack the problem by amending the Internal Revenue Code to give farmers and small businessmen twenty-five years to pay Federal estate taxes and to allow graduated investment tax credits for income tax purposes. Such legislation gives small businessmen and farmers the incentive to sell to small investors rather than to large corporations; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives urge the Representatives from Pennsylvania in the United States Congress to support Congressman H. John Heinz III in his efforts to have the "Small Business Revitalization Act of 1976" enacted; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to

the presiding officer of the United States House of Representatives and to each Representative from Pennsylvania in the Congress of the United States

Referred to Rules, April 1, 1976

RESOLUTION

Serial No. 238 (Resolution No. 238) Printer's No. 3050

By Representatives HASAY, WEIDNER, POLITE, KUSSE, NOYE, BITTLE, KLINGAMAN, STAHL, HALVERSON and A. C. FOSTER

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS TO PROMOTE PASSAGE OF GUN CONTROL LEGISLATION TO ELIMINATE PRESENT RESTRICTIVE PURCHASING PROCEDURES FROM AMMUNITION

In the House of Representatives, March 31, 1976

WHEREAS, It is not a gun that kills people; it is the individual who pulls the trigger; and

WHEREAS, The second amendment of the Constitution of the United States prohibits infringement upon the right of the people to keep and bear arms; and

WHEREAS, History has shown us that in Germany, 1936, Adolph Hitler required all guns to be registered and in 1938 he had them confiscated; and

WHEREAS, Without gun control, Switzerland has the lowest crime rate per capita; therefore be it

RESOLVED (the Senate concurring), That the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania memorialize the Congress of the United States to refrain from passage of any further type of restrictive legislation, and to eliminate the present restrictive purchasing procedures from ammunition; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the presiding officers of each house of the United States and to each Senator and Representative from Pennsylvania in the Congress of the United States.

Referred to Rules, April 1, 1976

RESOLUTION

Serial No. 239 (Resolution No. 239) Printer's No. 3051

By Representatives WARGO, ZELLER, DeMEDIO, M. SCHWEDER, WANSACZ, REED, COLE, McCUE, GEE and WELSH

GENERAL ASSEMBLY DIRECTS THE SECRETARY OF GENERAL SERVICES TO FLY THE AMERICAN FLAG OVER THE CAPITOL BUILDING TWENTY-FOUR HOURS A DAY

In the House of Representatives, April 1, 1976

At the present time the American flag flies over the Capitol Building here in Harrisburg twenty-four hours a day above many private buildings yet it does not fly during the night over the Capitol Building here in Harrisburg

It has been said that the flag flies on the Capitol Building here in Harrisburg day and night therefore why not fly it here on the Capitol Building every day and every night. We should have the flag fly over the Capitol Building here in Pennsylvania; therefore

RESOLVED (The Senate concurring), That the General Assembly directs the Secretary of General Services to fly the American flag over the Capitol twenty-four hours a day