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May 15, 2017

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 (114<sup>th</sup> Congress), I hereby designate the attached Memorial from the State of North Dakota, received by the House of Representatives in the year 1979, 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

Nº 15662



*To all to whom these presents shall come,*

I, BEN MEIER, Secretary of State  
of the State of North Dakota, do hereby certify that

This is a true and correct copy of Senate Concurrent Resolution  
No. 4018 that was passed by the Forty-fourth Session of the  
North Dakota Legislative Assembly in the Year 1975; and that

This Resolution was filed in this office on March 11, 1975.

**In Testimony Whereof,** I have hereunto set my hand and affixed  
the Great Seal of the State at the Capitol in the City of Bismarck,  
this 30th day of April A. D., 19 79

*Ben Meier*  
BEN MEIER

SECRETARY OF STATE

By \_\_\_\_\_

DEPUTY

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4018  
(Melland)

## BALANCED FEDERAL BUDGET AMENDMENT

A concurrent resolution of the North Dakota Legislature calling for an amendment to the U.S. Constitution proposing to the several states the requirement of a balanced U.S. cash budget for each session of Congress except in time of war or national emergency.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

That we respectfully propose an amendment to the Constitution of the United States and call upon the people of the several states for a convention for such purpose as provided by Article V of the Constitution, the proposed Article providing as follows:

### ARTICLE \_\_\_\_\_

SECTION 1. The president shall submit, at the beginning of each new Congress, an annual budget for the ensuing fiscal year setting forth in detail the total proposed expenditures and the total estimated revenue of the Federal Government from sources other than borrowing. The president may set new revenue estimates from time to time. Expenditures for each two-year period shall not exceed the estimated revenue except in time of war or a national emergency declared by the Congress. The provisions of this Article shall not apply to the refinancing of the national debt; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded by the Secretary of State to the legislatures of the several states.

Filed March 11, 1975