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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 (114th Congress), I hereby designate the attached Memorial from the State of Nebraska, 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



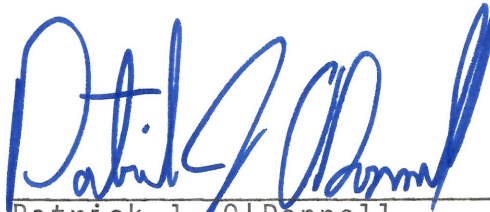
PATRICK J. O'DONNELL
Clerk of the Legislature
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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Patrick J. O'Donnell, Clerk of the Legislature of Nebraska do hereby certify that the attached legislative resolution, LR 106 of the 1976 session, is a true and accurate copy of the resolution passed by the Legislature in 1976.

Dated this day of February 22, 1979, in Lincoln, Nebraska.


Patrick J. O'Donnell
Clerk of the Legislature

EIGHTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE
STATE CAPITOL, LINCOLN, NEBRASKA 68509



LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 106.

Introduced by Murphy, 17th District; Warner, 25th District; Marsh, 29th District; Marvel, 33rd District; Goodrich, 20th District; Dworak, 22nd District; Rasmussen, 41st District; Anderson, 37th District; Wiltse, 1st District; Fitzgerald, 14th District; Carsten, 2nd District; Burbach, 19th District; Stull, 49th District; Hasebroock, 18th District; Kremer, 34th District; Cope, 36th District; DeCamp, 40th District; Maresh, 32nd District; Johnson, 15th District; Nichol, 48th District; Moylan, 6th District; Schmit, 23rd District; Rumery, 42nd District; Kime, 43rd District; Kennedy, 21st District; Koch, 12th District; Dickinson, 31st District; Stoney, 4th District; R. Lewis, 38th District; Burrows, 30th District; Mills, 44th District; Skarda, 7th District; George, 16th District; Clark, 47th District; Savage, 10th District; Kelly, 34th District; Keyes, 3rd District.

WHEREAS, with each passing year this nation becomes more deeply in debt as its expenditures grossly and repeatedly exceed available revenue, 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 revenue; 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 is vital.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That this body 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 State of Nebraska 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 revenue for that fiscal year.

2. That, alternatively, this Legislature makes application and requests that the Congress of the United States call a constitutional convention for the specific and exclusive purpose of proposing 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 revenue for that fiscal year.

3. That this Legislature also proposes that the Legislature 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.

4. That the Clerk of the Legislature transmit a copy of this resolution to the President of the Senate of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States, each member of the Nebraska Congressional delegation, the Secretaries of State and the Legislatures of each of the several states, and the Secretary of State for the State of Nebraska.