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
RESOLUTION

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

By Representatives BREISELE, DUTCHER, O'BRIEN, STEB, COLE, SHOEN, OTISBE, RUTHER, GIDDINGS, BALDWIN, ADAMS, EDWARDS, BULLOCK, JAYNE, BOYES, V. V. WISE, WOODRUFF, KIRK, FISHER, J. E., P. R. BUCKLEY, MILLER, MUMFORD, BOYCE, FISHER, ONYER, ROBERTS, FULLER, DAVIS, R. D. ROBERTS, WHITE, WOODRUFF, DAVIS, A. C. POGUE, NEEL, BRADLEY, LUTHERAN, GROVE, TAYLOR, JONES, J. W., MORELL, DAVIS, TAYLOR, LIBERTY, J. W., MOORE, DAVIS, A. C. POGUE, NEEL, BRADLEY, LUTHERAN, GROVE, TAYLOR, JONES, J. W., MORELL, DAVIS, TAYLOR, LIBERTY, J. W., MOORE, DAVIS, A. C. POGUE, NEEL, BRADLEY, LUTHERAN, GROVE, TAYLOR, JONES, J. W., MORELL, DAVIS

BEGIN THE CONSIDERATION 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, Requiring appropriate action by the Congress, either acting by concurrence 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 such passing year this Nation has been deeply in debt for its expenditures greatly and repeatedly exceed available revenues, so that the public debt may exceed hundreds of billions of dollars; and

WHEREAS, The annual Federal budget continually demonstrates an unsustainability of its obligations to 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 categories 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 demand it, or by 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 none such action vital; therefore be it

RESOLVED, (The Senate concurring), That the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania propose to the Congress of the United States that proceedings 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 propose 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
amendment to the Federal Constitution requiring in the absence of a national agency that the total of all Federal appropriations made by the Congress for any fiscal year may not exceed the total of all outstanding 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 and copies of this joint resolution to the Secretary of State and printing officials of both House.  Upon receipt by each of the Clerk 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 (109-62)
Adopted, June 30, 1976 (Police Vote)

In the Senate
Referred to Rules and Executive Nominations, June 30, 1976
Reported as amended, November 9, 1976
Adopted, November 9, 1976 (Police Vote)

RESOLUTION
Serial No. 237 (Resolution No. 237) Printer's No. 3049
By Representatives D. S. RAYES, ROLLINS, HOOKER and PORSEWSKI
URGED PENNSYLVANIA CONGRESSIONAL MEMBERS TO SUPPORT CONGRESSMAN R. 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 enterprising of this Commonwealth consist largely of small businesses and farms. We are in danger of losing these valuable resources.

The number of independent small businessmen in the United States has dropped thirty-three percent in less than thirty years. Official statistics indicate that the number of farms has declined by more than thirty percent in the last sixteen years. These losses form the fires of inflation and increase the rate of unemployment. Congressmen R. John Heinz III has introduced a bill in Congress known as the "Small Business Revitalization Act of 1976" seeking to attack the problem by authorizing 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 given small businesses and farmers the incentive to sell to small investors rather than to large corporations; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives urges the Congressmen of Pennsylvania in the United States Congress to support Congressmen R. 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. 3049
By Representatives HELWIG, SPOLIKA, POLITE, J. KLINE, BOYDE, HICKLE, BRIGHT, WITTMAN, C. HELVICK and A. C. TOSTER
GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEMORIALIZES CONGRESS TO PROHIBIT CONGRESS AND LEGISLATURE TO ELIMINATE PRESENT RECESSIVE FORECLOSING ACT

In the House of Representatives, March 31, 1976

WHEREAS, It is not a rule that kills poor individual who pulls the trigger; and

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

WHEREAS, History has shown that since 1936, Adolf Hitler acquired all gone to be and in 1938 he had them confiscated; and

WHEREAS, Without gun control, Switzerland's lowest crime rate per capita; therefore be it

RESOLVED (the Senate concurred), That the Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania memorialize the Congress of the United States to refrain from passage of any further type of legislation, and to eliminate the present recessive procedures from amendment; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution transmitted to the President of the United States requesting that the Congress 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. 3049
By Representatives VAUGH, SPOLIKA, GILBERT, N. SCHNITZER, WATRICE, JEREM, MILL, ROBERT, J. HELWIG
GENERAL ASSEMBLY DIRECTS THE SECRETARY OF SERVICES TO FLY THE AMERICAN FLAG OFF THE TWENTY-FOUR HOURS A DAY

In the House of Representatives, April

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

It has been said that the flag flies on t and sight therefore why not fly it here on a many estate capital the flag now flies over building every day and every night. We shall this procedure here in Pennsylvania thereby

RESOLVED (the Senate concurring), That the Assembly directs the Secretary of General to fly the American flag over the Capitol twent