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# CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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By Messrs. Gressette, Dennis

MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS TO CALL A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE FEDERAL CONSTITUTION TO LIMIT ANNUAL FEDERAL APPROPRIATIONS TO ANNUAL REVENUES, WITH CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS.

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Introduced May 3, 1978 Judiciary

Considered May 11, 1978 Adopted

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*By Order of the Senate*

/s/ L. O. Thomas  
Clerk

IN THE HOUSE

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CONCURRED IN as amended and RETURNED to SENATE

*By Order of the House*

/s/ Lois T. Shealy  
Clerk

IN THE SENATE May 16, 1978

House Amendments agreed to and a message sent accordingly

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/s/ L. O. Thomas  
Clerk

## Calendar No. S. 1024

By SENATORS GRESSETTE and DENNIS

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### THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

To whom was referred a Concurrent Resolution (S. 1024), memorializing Congress to call a Constitutional Convention, etc., respectfully

#### REPORT:

That they have duly and carefully considered the same, and recommend that the same do pass.

C. ANTHONY HARRIS, for Committee.

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## A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Memorializing Congress to Call a Constitutional Convention for the Purpose of Amending the Federal Constitution to Limit Annual Federal Appropriations to Annual Revenues, with Certain Exceptions.

Whereas, with each passing year this Nation becomes more deeply in debt as congressional expenditures grossly and repeatedly exceed available revenues so that the public debt now exceeds a half-trillion dollars; and

Whereas, attempts to limit spending by means of the new congressional budget committee procedures have proved fruitless; and

Whereas, the annual Federal budget repeatedly 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, the proposed budget of five hundred billion dollars for fiscal year 1978-1979 does not reflect total 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, believing that fiscal irresponsibility at the Federal level, with the resulting inflation and decline in the Nation's trading position is a growing and corrosive threat to our economy, to the well-being of our people, and to our representative democracy, that constitutional restraint is necessary to bring the fiscal discipline needed to reverse this trend. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

That Congress is requested, pursuant to Article V of the United States Constitution, to call a constitutional convention for the specific and exclusive purpose of proposing an amendment to the Federal Constitution.

Be it further resolved that the proposed new amendment read substantially as follows:

"Proposed Article XXVII

The total of all federal appropriations made by the Congress for any fiscal year shall not exceed the total of the estimated federal revenues for that fiscal year, excluding any revenues derived from borrowing, and this prohibition extends to all federal appropriations and all estimated federal revenues, excluding any revenues derived from borrowing. The President in submitting budgetary requests and the Congress in enacting appropriation bills shall comply with this article.

The provisions of this article shall be suspended for one year upon the proclamation by the President of an unlimited national emergency. The suspension may be extended, but not for more than one year at any one time, if two-thirds of the membership of both Houses of Congress so determine by Joint Resolution."

Be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and to each member of Congress from South Carolina.

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Date DEC 20 1978

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ORIGINAL ON FILE IN THIS OFFICE.**

*A. S. Hamilton*

**SECRETARY OF STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**