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Upon completion of its study, the Subcommittee shall prepare and submit to the General Assembly for consideration legislation that it deems appropriate.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 36

Applying to Congress to initiate proceedings for the purpose of amending the Constitution of the United States to provide restrictions on Congressional appropriations.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 16, 1976

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 10, 1976

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; and

WHEREAS, we believe such action vital; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly of Virginia 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 this Body hereby 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

RESOLVED FURTHER, That, alternatively, this Body 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 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

RESOLVED FURTHER, That this Body 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

RESOLVED FINALLY, That copies of this resolution be presented forthwith to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States, to each of the Senators and Representatives from Virginia and to the legislatures of each of the several states, attesting the adoption of this resolution.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 39

Directing the Virginia Coastal Study Commission to include the coastal zone management program as part of its study; and to allocate funds to continue the study.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 18, 1976

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 10, 1976

WHEREAS, the Virginia Coastal Study Commission was created and charged by the 1975 General Assembly in Senate Joint Resolution No. 137, to study the offshore, interface and onshore effects of possible oil exploration and development of the Outer Continental Shelf adjacent to Virginia's coast; and

WHEREAS, the study initiated in the coastal states by the federal Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 is considering, among other things, the possible effects of oil exploration and development; and

WHEREAS, the Division of State Planning and Community Affairs, the Virginia Institute of Marine Science and the Virginia Marine Resources Commission have just completed the first year of a scheduled three-year Coastal Zone Management Planning effort pursuant to the federal act; and

WHEREAS, it is important to Virginia that it be prepared for possible O.C.S. oil impacts, and it appears that the best way to insure readiness is through careful advance planning which can best be accomplished through Virginia's participation in the federal Coastal Zone Management Act; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the Virginia Coastal Study Commission is directed, in the course of its study, to consider what Virginia's role might be in working for and with the interests of coastal communities as the coastal zone management planning program continues, to facilitate