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2017 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 18

March 16, 2017 - Introduced by Senators KAPENGA, CRAIG, DARLING, HARSDORF, LASEE, MARKLEIN, NASS, OLSEN, STROEBEL, TESTIN, TIFFANY and VUKMIR, cosponsored by Representatives KNODL, BERNIER, AUGUST, BORN, E. BROOKS, DUCHOW, FELZKOWSKI, HORLACHER, HUTTON, JARCHOW, KATSMA, KERKMAN, KLEEFISCH, KOOYENGA, KREMER, KRUG, KUGLITSCH, KULP, MACCO, MURSAU, NEYLON, NYGREN, PETERSEN, PETRYK, RODRIGUEZ, ROHRKASTE, SANFELIPPO, SCHRAA, SKOWRONSKI, SNYDER, SPIROS, STEFFEN, STEINEKE, SUMMERFIELD, SWEARINGEN, THIESFELDT, TITTL, VOS, WEATHERSTON and WICHGERS. Referred to Committee on Financial Services, Constitution and Federalism.

1 **Relating to:** application to Congress under the provisions of Article V of the
2 Constitution of the United States for a convention for proposing amendments
3 relating to a balanced budget.

4 Whereas, previous presidential administrations and Congress have allowed an
5 unprecedented amount of federal debt to accumulate, which currently exceeds \$20
6 trillion; and

7 Whereas, a report by President Obama's National Commission on Fiscal
8 Responsibility and Reform issued a warning on the debt levels, stating: "If the U.S.
9 does not put its house in order, the reckoning will be sure and the devastation severe";
10 and

11 Whereas, the Constitution of the United States does not currently require the
12 federal government to operate under a balanced budget; and

13 Whereas, members of both political parties and both houses of Congress have
14 called for a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States to
15 no avail; and

