

spending to conform to available revenues; and

WHEREAS, The unified budget of 304.4 billion dollars for the next fiscal year does 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, As reported by US News and World Report on February 25, 1974, of these nonbudgetary outlays, 12.9 billion of this 15.6 billion dollars represents funding of essentially private agencies which provide special service to the federal government; and

WHEREAS, Knowledgeable planning requires that the budget reflect all federal spending and that the budget 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 a constitutional restraint is necessary to bring the fiscal disciplines needed to reverse this trend; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That this body proposes to the Congress of the United States that procedures be instituted in the Congress to add a new Article XXVII 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 the estimated Federal revenues for that fiscal year; and reading substantially as follows:

PROPOSED ARTICLE XXVII

"The total of all Federal appropriations made by the Congress for any fiscal year may not exceed the total of the estimated Federal revenues for that fiscal year; and this prohibition extends to all Federal appropriations and all estimated Federal revenues without exception. The President in submitting budgetary requests and the Congress in enacting appropriation bills shall comply with this Article. If the President proclaims a national emergency, suspending the requirement that the total of all Federal appropriations not exceed the total estimated Federal revenues for a fiscal year, and two-thirds of all Members elected to each House of the Congress so determine by Joint Resolution, the total of all Federal appropriations may exceed the total estimated Federal revenues for that fiscal year."

and, be it further