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**JOURNAL OF THE BALANCED BUDGET
AMENDMENT PLANNING CONVENTION
PHOENIX, ARIZONA**

September 12, 2017

First Day

The Balanced Budget Amendment Planning Convention assembled in the chambers of the Arizona House of Representatives. Senator Tom Buford from the State of Kentucky sounded the gavel at 12:00 noon.

Senator Buford announced that, without objection, commissioners and guests would please rise and remain standing for the invocation, the presentation of the Colors, the Pledge of Allegiance, singing of the National Anthem and the posting of the Colors.

The invocation was given by Pastor Brent Loveless.

The National Anthem was performed by Alyson Precie.

The Colors were posted by the Phoenix Central United States Army Color Guard.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Commissioner Hal Wick of South Dakota.

Senator Buford directed the audience to be seated and invited those in attendance to direct their attention to the screen for a brief presentation.

Senator Buford introduced Speaker Javan D. Mesnard of Arizona and President Pro Tempore Steve Montenegro of Arizona who addressed the delegation as follows:

Commissioners and guests, my name is J.D. Mesnard and I have the honor of serving as Speaker of the Arizona House of Representatives. I want to welcome you to Arizona for the 2017 Balanced Budget Amendment Planning Convention. Specifically, welcome to Phoenix, our capitol, where, at 105 degrees, it's really a nice cool day!

The Arizona Legislature is truly honored to host this planning convention – to lay the groundwork for an Article V Convention, which we hope will take place in the near future.

Each of you has your own reasons for being here. Mine, is that I love this country. I believe it to be the greatest nation that has ever existed. But I am greatly concerned that our country is not on a sustainable fiscal path.

And contrary to what some would like us to believe, the responsibility for helping to get our fiscal house in order does not just rest with Congress. Nor is Congress the end all be all for governing this country. In fact, a critical responsibility of the states in this great Union is in helping to keep our federal government in check.

That value of Federalism was a bedrock principle that our Founding Fathers captured in the design of government put forth in the Constitution of the United States, which was being finalized this very week, exactly 230 years ago.

I believe it is time for the states to start flexing our constitutional muscles, just as our Founding Fathers envisioned. And one vital tool for facilitating that, was instilled by our Founders in Article V of the Constitution. That is, the power of the states to propose amendments, especially as a means of constraining the power of the federal government.

In 1798, then Vice President Thomas Jefferson, in correspondence with a state legislator, wrote, "*I wish it were possible to obtain a single amendment to our Constitution. I would be willing to depend on that alone for the reduction of the administration of our government; I mean an additional article taking from the Federal Government the power of borrowing.*"

Well, it might be more than two centuries late, but I hope that soon we will be able to give President Jefferson his wish—for our own sake.

Thank you all for your attendance at this important convention, and, most of all, thank you for your dedication and commitment to our country's future. It's an honor to be with you. Now, let's get to work.

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Senator Pro Tempore Montenegro addressed the delegation as follows:

Good Afternoon friends. On behalf of the Arizona Senate I want to welcome you to history. It has been more than 150 years since a convention of states. So, today's gathering is long overdue. And our issue, a Balanced Budget Amendment, is likely the most important topic we could be addressing.

In 1789, Thomas Jefferson said "I wish it were possible to obtain a single amendment, taking from the Federal Government the power of borrowing."

In 1994, Reagan spoke, after Congress failed to act on a Congressional Amendment, writing "We can't depend on Congress to discipline itself. It is clear that we must rely on the states to force Congress to act on our amendment. Fortunately, our nation's founders gave us the means to amend the Constitution through action of state legislatures." He continued "Unless we act quickly, the people in the White House and those running Congress will bankrupt America."

In 1994, the national debt that Reagan feared would bankrupt our nation stood at \$4.7 Trillion dollars. Yesterday, for the first time, it topped \$20 Trillion dollars.

When the world decides it is no longer interested in bankrolling Congress' irresponsible ways, the crash that follows will be swift and severe. That is why, "We, the people", in order to preserve our nation for future generations, have chosen to take action to rein in Congress, and to pursue that single amendment that Thomas Jefferson recommended to us 228 years ago.

Good luck and God speed.

Speaker Javan D. Mesnard introduced Gary Banz, alternate Commissioner from Oklahoma who addressed the delegation as follows:

Thank you for that more than generous introduction. Like you, I am honored to have been selected as a commissioner to represent my state at this historic gathering. It is an assignment we must embrace with humility but pledge to commit our best effort to realize the purpose for which this Pre-Convention Convention was called.

Thank you, Representative Kelly Townsend for providing leadership as the Chair of the planning committee for this gathering. Thank you, Speaker J.D. Mesnard and Arizona Legislature, for passage of HCR2022, a resolution that elevates this gathering to official state sponsored status. With it you have extended to the other forty-nine equal sovereigns an invitation to join you on this day, at this hour, at this place, to address an issue facing our nation that simply no longer can be ignored. We have assembled because there is a crisis concerning the national debt and there is a Constitutional remedy. Thank you, commissioners, for answering the call to address this challenge in convention.

I am reminded of a legend that summarizes what we face today. It is a story about a farmer who had a work-horse whose useful days had long passed. Despite the extra cost incurred by keeping the animal, the farmer kept the family favorite for special events. One of those occasions was when travelers unfamiliar with the countryside got too close to the edge of the road and found themselves stuck in the ditch. There would be a knock on the door and request for help. The farmer would go to the barn, hitch-up Ole Buddy, and make his way to the spot of trouble. Once he had Ole Buddy hooked up to the car, he would begin to give the command for action. "Pull Nellie, pull!" Ole Buddy remained motionless. "Pull Buster, pull!" Nothing. "Pull Coco, pull!" Again, nothing. Then the farmer would move close to Ole Buddy's ear and say, "Pull Buddy, pull!" Immediately Ole Buddy would engage, strain against the shoulder harness and in quick order the car was out of the ditch. After the farmer gathered the equipment, the recipient of the assistance would ask the predictable question, "Why did you call the horse by the wrong name three times before getting it right?" The farmer answered, "You see, Ole Buddy is blind and if he thought he was the only one pulling he would not even try."

It is tempting to think we are the only ones pulling for action to address our national debt. We are not blind. We can look around the room, and it is obvious not all the states are here. Nevertheless, we have gathered to act. We meet under the authority of, and responsibility given to state legislatures, by our founding fathers in Article V of the United States Constitution. We cannot hide behind the excuse that there are not enough engaged in this effort and fail to try. **We are here**, and every day our movement gathers more followers.

There is a direct correlation with what we are attempting in Phoenix this week and the historic events of Mount Vernon in 1785, and Annapolis in 1786, that led to what we call the Constitutional Convention gathering in Philadelphia, May to September of 1787.

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In less than a decade after Independence, the new nation, operating under the Articles of Confederation, was experiencing enormous problems. These problems were tearing away at unity needed to remain viable as a new nation on the world stage. Weakness of the Articles - and there were many - made it impossible to address the conflicts that surfaced between and among states over trade, taxes, and use of waterways. Shays rebellion, an uprising of western Massachusetts farmers over taxes, caused concern about how adequate the Articles of Confederation were to address these challenges.

The "miracle in Philadelphia," a convention of states operating independent of the Articles of Confederation authority, remedied many of the weaknesses found in the Articles of Confederation. The Constitution, ultimately ratified by all thirteen states with rigorous debate in state conventions, now had an executive to carry out laws passed by Congress, a legislative body reflecting the compromise between large and small states, a Supreme Court to sort out disputes between states, regulations for interstate commerce, a provision to collect taxes, and most importantly, the elimination of the "tyranny of one," a requirement of unanimous support to amend the document. More important to our gathering here in Phoenix is the language included in Article V that gives state legislatures equal standing with Congress to propose language for changes to the Constitution. So, why are we here? What is the issue we face? What are the options at our disposal to address the problem? How do we operate within the Constitution to bring about change? Most of us would agree there is a plethora of issues facing our nation. However, there is one that rises above the others at this point in our history. Our Constitution in Article I, Section 8, lists the enumerated powers of the federal government. One of those powers is to borrow money without restriction or restraint.

On the surface that is not a problem so long as some measure of self-discipline accompanies the decision making about accruing national debt. There is a growing number of national leaders who believe we cannot sustain the course of borrowing created by past Presidential and Congressional decision-making.

The amount needed for interest to service the existing debt in an annual budget will expand like a cancer, eating away at our capacity to provide core functions of government. We have looted trust funds, we are at the mercy of foreign lenders, and we are now printing money to finance our current level of federal government spending.

I taught driver education after school and during summer months for about twenty years. If you want a thrill-a-minute, sign up for that duty. The only tool I had at my disposal that gave me some degree of control was a dual brake attached to my side of the car. Congress is behind the wheel and we are in the front seat with one item at our disposal to exercise some degree of control. How many "bridge-out" or "dead-end" warning signs must we pass before we decide to use the tool we have been given in our federal system?

Why a Balanced Budget Amendment? Congress will not discipline itself. With a national debt of more than twenty trillion dollars, spending is out of control. Our borrowing to cover annual deficits and requiring subsequent generations to pay it back, is hardly a legacy of which we can be proud.

There is a fiscal storm coming our way. It will destroy us without a shot being fired by our enemies. This storm bears each of our names because it is one of our own making. Even though we have no control over how adverse weather in nature begins or where it will end, science can determine the path, wind speed, and the amount of rainfall to expect. Some very intelligent people are flying the storm warning flags about consequences we can expect to endure unless we intervene with an evasive plan of action. Unlike the conditions spawned by nature, we can unravel financial conditions that will spell disaster to the American way of life as we know it. Congress, drunk with its own power, is having a party on the deck of our ship of state while it sinks under the weight of red ink. **Uncontrolled debt is a threat to our national security.**

That is the problem that ultimately needs to be addressed, but it is not why we are here. The framers of the Constitution faced the crisis of a young nation falling apart under the Articles of Confederation. They resolved it within the authority of the existing governing structure of their day. It is time state legislatures use provisions of Article V to address the debt crisis we face today.

Let me make this point clear. We are not here to write the language for a proposed amendment. That will be the exclusive mandate of those commissioners selected to gather at a future date when, according to the language in Article V of the Constitution, Congress is required to call a convention of states, having received applications in the form of resolutions from two-thirds of the states. That will officially trigger what is most appropriately called an Article V Convention or convention for proposing amendments. Our purpose at this pre-convention is to deliberate and make recommendations that a future convention of equal state sovereigns can adopt to conduct their business.

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Simon Sinek, in his book titled "*Start with Why*," outlines the principle that should govern our behavior the next three days. Participate in what we are doing and how we are doing it, but never lose sight of why we were called to meet. We have been summoned here to focus on two items: (1) draft and approve a set of rules, and (2) deliberate the parameters for selecting a site for a future convention for proposing amendments. It will be easy to become distracted by wanting to engage in conversation about how restraints can be placed on the federal fiscal affairs, but we must remain focused like a laser on the two tasks selected for this gathering.

Our national history is packed with examples of heroic deeds in defense of life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness. Let me offer two quick examples. The first goes back to a gathering in Philadelphia in 1776. It is an extraordinary act that demonstrates total commitment to a cause. Representatives from the colonies were meeting in Philadelphia at what historians refer to as the Second Continental Congress. Each colony had an equal vote in the deliberations. Delaware was represented by George Read, Thomas McKean, and Caesar Rodney. The main topic of discussion, and possible vote, was the question of independence from the oppressive control of the British crown. George Read and Thomas McKean were split on the question. Caesar Rodney was back in Delaware battling bouts of asthma, a fever, and facial cancer. McKean sent a message to Rodney requesting him to come to break the tie so Delaware's vote would count. Through the night Rodney rode in a thunderstorm the ninety miles from his home in southern Delaware to Philadelphia. According to Wikipedia, he arrived "in his boots and spurs on July 2, just as the voting was beginning, to cast his lot for liberty." The state of Delaware commemorated his commitment by selecting Rodney's image on horseback for the design for its quarter in the state series. The next time one of those quarters passes through your hand ask yourself the question, "What am I doing for my country?"

Fast forward to the second generation following World War II. This incident unfolded immediately following the attack on the Twin Towers in New York City and the Pentagon in Washington, DC, on September 11, 2001, sixteen years ago yesterday. It was First Lieutenant Heather (pilot call-sign Lucky) Penney and her commander Colonel Marc Sasseville who were given orders to scramble their F-16s to intercept and bring down United Airlines Flight #93. That flight had been hijacked and was thought to be headed for either the US Capitol or the White House.

Having just returned from two weeks of training in Nevada, the planes they were flying were still equipped with dummy bullets. No live ammunition, no missiles, just their own planes. As they quickly donned their flight suits, Commander Sasseville caught the eye of his wingman and said, "I'm going for the cockpit." Without hesitation, Lieutenant Penney responded with, "I'll take the tail."

Reports from first responders at the Pentagon said it was quite a boost of morale when they saw those two F-16s, with afterburners fully engaged, race to defend against any additional attack. Fortunately, they never encountered Flight 93. With a calm resolve in his voice uttering the command, "Let's roll," it was civilian heroes like Todd Beamer and others on the doomed flight who kept the hijackers from completing their mission.

Those who volunteer for military service are modern day heroes and they are ready to make whatever sacrifice is needed to defend our nation. They don't wear jerseys. We don't create posters of them to display on our bedroom walls. They wear the uniform of our nation. It is our responsibility to make sure the annual interest on the national debt is not greater than the resources we provide for them to fly, fight, and win against enemies who would do us harm. Can we do anything less?

World history is full of examples of individuals who exhibited great courage in the face of making tough decisions. In 49 BC Julius Caesar crossed a small stream in northern Italy revealing his intentions and giving all of history a phrase, "crossing the Rubicon," that marks the point of no return.

After months of planning and preparation, General Dwight D. Eisenhower stood alone in an hour of decision. After consulting weather reports one final time he ordered the largest military campaign the world has ever seen, D-Day, to be launched simply by uttering the words, "O.K. Let's Go!"

Whether it is a part of ancient history, modern history, or more recent current events, mankind everywhere has a profound respect for those who respond to the call for action in times of adversity and crisis. The reality is very few of us will be called upon to respond in such an extreme manner. However, there are individuals in this movement who have given an entire adult lifetime to the cause of sound fiscal policy. Others have invested life savings to keep this effort viable. Still others have given up everything they own to travel this nation with the message that now is the time to act to save us from the consequences of financial collapse.

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How will you answer the question that inevitably will come from your children or grandchildren? For me this question comes from Michelle, Mindy, Mark, Nathan, Caleb, Hannah, Hailey, Maggie, and Lily, "Dad/Grandpa, you were there, what did you do?"

Next Sunday, September 17th, is national Constitution Day. Much will be written about our iconic document and how it has endured. Perhaps some attention will even be given to what transpires here in Phoenix this week.

Commissioner colleagues, we can no longer look the other way and continue to abdicate our rightful place in our federal republic. *We have been given a purpose to gather, it is our time, it is our day, and it is our call to act.* Today we stand on the shoulders of dedicated Americans who gave us the tools we need to seek solutions to any problem we face. It is with an unwavering resolve we commit to finding consensus around which we can build a stronger future for our posterity. This is not a red and blue gathering. It is a red, white, and blue beacon of hope the world needs to see. Commissioners, are we ready? With all due respect and honor to Todd Beamer, "let's roll."

Speaker Javan D. Mesnard introduced Senator Nancy Barto of Arizona who presented the following. Report of the Arizona Balanced Budget Amendment Planning Convention Committee:

Regarding the appointment of Permanent Officers and Auxiliary Staff

1. Arizona recommends Jim Drake, Arizona House of Representatives Chief Clerk as the Convention's Parliamentarian. Mr. Drake meets the qualifications for this position as outlined in the proposed rules.
2. We further recommend Joe Kubaki to serve as Sergeant at Arms. Mr. Kubaki is currently serving the Arizona Senate as Sergeant at Arms.
3. Arizona will provide a list of names of staff for recommendation that are qualified and available to serve as support staff for the Convention and its committees.

Regarding Committees

1. Arizona's Temporary Rules provide for the following committees:
 - a. Rules Committee
 - b. Convention Planning Committee
 - i. Subcommittees created by the Convention Planning Committee as needed
 - c. Credentials Committee

Regarding temporary Committee Chairs:

1. Arizona assigns Rep. Bob Thorpe to preside as temporary Chair of the Convention Planning Committee and Sen. Steve Smith as temporary Chair of the Rules Committee.

Regarding the Planning Convention Rules

1. Arizona provides the Convention with a set of temporary rules to convene the Convention. The Convention may choose to adopt or change the rules as needed.

Regarding the credentialing of Commissioned delegates

1. The Planning Convention Committee has accepted the Delegate Selection Letters of 19 States, appointing 74 delegates, and 12 alternates to the Arizona Balanced Budget Amendment Planning Convention.
2. The Committee recommends, and the Arizona House Speaker determines that no other non-delegate be allowed on the floor during session, save for the credentialed press, photographer, and documentarian.

Speaker Mesnard expressed appreciation to Senator Barto and Representative Townsend and sounded the gavel at 12:47 p.m.

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The roll was called, by state which indicated the following:

State	Delegates	Alternates
Alabama	1	
Arizona	7	7
Georgia	3	
Idaho	10	
Indiana	4	
Iowa	2	1
Kansas	1	
Kentucky	1	
Michigan	1	
Minnesota	5	
Missouri	1	
New Hampshire	6	
Oklahoma	6	2
South Carolina	1	
South Dakota	3	
Tennessee	7	
Utah	6	2
West Virginia	1	
Wyoming	5	

Speaker Mesnard announced the results of the roll call:

States Present	Delegates Present	Alternates Present
19	71	12

Motion by Commissioner from Iowa that the temporary Rules of the Planning Convention that were distributed to the delegates on September 11, 2017 at 5:15 p.m., be adopted. Carried.

Speaker Javan D. Mesnard announced that the Chair would receive nominations for President of the Balanced Budget Amendment Planning Convention.

Commissioner from Georgia placed in nomination the name of Commissioner Kelly Townsend from Arizona.

Commissioner from Utah placed in nomination the name of Commissioner Ken Ivory from Utah.

Motion by Commissioner Kern of Arizona that the nominations be closed. Carried.

Speaker Javan D. Mesnard announced that, without objection the house would stand at recess subject to the sound of the gavel. Carried at 1:11 p.m.

Speaker Javan D. Mesnard called the Balanced Budget Amendment Planning Convention to order at 1:25 p.m.

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Motion by Commissioner from Utah that floor speeches be permitted from commissioners who had been nominated for President of the Balanced Budget Amendment Planning Convention. Speaker Javan D. Mesnard announced that nominees would be granted 3 minutes.

Ken Ivory, Commissioner from Utah, addressed the delegation and withdrew his name from nomination of President of the Balanced Budget Amendment Planning Convention.

Kelly Townsend, Commissioner from Arizona, addressed the delegation.

Speaker Javan D. Mesnard announced that Kelly Townsend, Commissioner from Arizona, was elected by acclamation as President of the Balanced Budget Amendment Planning Convention.

Speaker Javan D. Mesnard announced that the Chair would receive nominations for Vice-President of the Balanced Budget Amendment Planning Convention.

Kelly Townsend, Commissioner from Arizona placed in nomination the name of Ken Ivory, Commissioner from Utah.

Speaker Javan D. Mesnard announced that Ken Ivory, Commissioner from Utah, was elected by acclamation as Vice-President of the Balanced Budget Amendment Planning Convention.

Speaker Javan D. Mesnard announced that the Chair would receive nominations for Secretary of the Balanced Budget Amendment Planning Convention.

Senator Chuck Hufstetler, Commissioner from Georgia, placed in nomination the name of David Guldenschuh, Commissioner from Georgia.

Speaker Javan D. Mesnard announced that David Guldenschuh, Commissioner from Georgia, was elected by acclamation as Secretary of the Balanced Budget Amendment Planning Convention.

Newly elected President of the Balanced Budget Amendment Planning Convention, Kelly Townsend, Commissioner from Arizona, assumed the Chair.

President Townsend announced that the Chair would entertain a motion for adoption of Resolution 1 (draft rules).

Motion by Commissioner from Tennessee that Resolution 1 which was distributed to Delegates on September 11, 2017 at 5:15 p.m. be introduced and referred to the Committee on Rules. Carried.

President Townsend announced that Commissioner Smith of Arizona was appointed as the temporary Rules Chairman; Commissioner Thorpe of Arizona was appointed as the temporary Planning Committee Chairman.

President Townsend announced that, without objection, the Balanced Budget Amendment Planning Convention would stand at recess subject to the sound of the gavel. Carried at 1:49 p.m.

The Balanced Budget Amendment Planning Convention was called to order at 4:34 p.m. President Townsend presiding.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Committee on Rules

Commissioner Gary Banz of Oklahoma, Chair
Commissioner Jim Stalzer of South Dakota, Vice-Chair

Motion by Mr. Banz that the report of the Committee on Rules be adopted. Carried.

Committee on Planning

Commissioner Bob Thorpe of Arizona, Chair
Commissioner Tom Llewellyn of Michigan, Vice-Chair

Subcommittee on Correspondence

Commissioner Anthony Kern of Arizona, Chair

Subcommittee on Time, Place and Logistics

Commissioner Dan Innis of New Hampshire, Chair

Motion by Mr. Thorpe that the report of the Committee on Rules be adopted. Carried.

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Committee on Credentials
Commissioner Tom Llewellyn of Michigan, Chair

Motion by Mr. Llewellyn that the report of the Committee on Credentials be adopted. Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner from Tennessee that the Article V Planning Convention stand adjourned until 9:30 a.m.,
Wednesday, September 13, 2017. Carried at 4:44 p.m.

KELLY TOWNSEND
President

ATTEST:

DAVID GULDENSCHUH
Secretary

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Second Day

President Kelly Townsend, Delegate from Arizona, sounded the gavel at 9:31 a.m.

President Townsend announced that, without objection, delegates and guests would please rise and remain standing for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The invocation was given by Kim Coleman, Delegate from Utah.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Representative Bob Thorpe, Delegate from Arizona.

The roll was called by state and President Townsend announced the attendance:

Alabama	
Arizona	
Georgia	
Idaho	
Indiana	
Iowa	
Kansas	
Kentucky	
Michigan	
Minnesota	
Missouri	
New Hampshire	
Oklahoma	
South Carolina	
South Dakota	
Tennessee	
Utah	
West Virginia	
Wyoming	
Total Present:	19

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Credentials Committee, Tom Llewellyn, Delegate from Michigan

Secretary David Guldenschuh, Delegate from Georgia

President Townsend announced that, without objection, the reading of the Journal of Tuesday, September 12, 2017 was dispensed and approved as written

President Townsend announced that, without objection, the Planning Convention would recess subject to the sound of the gavel. Carried at 9:38 a.m.

President Townsend sounded the gavel at 4:54 p.m.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Committee on Rules

Delegate Gary Banz of Oklahoma, Chair

Delegate Jim Stalzer of South Dakota, Vice-Chair

Committee on Planning

Delegate Tom Buford of Kentucky, Chair

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Committee on Credentials

Delegate Tom Llewellyn of Michigan, Chair

President Townsend announced that she had appointed The Future Convention Working Group, consisting of delegates, Bob Thorpe of Arizona as Chair, Kim Coleman of Utah, Christy Perry of Idaho, Dennis Powers of Tennessee and Jordan Ulery of New Hampshire.

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Delegate Tom Llewellyn of Minnesota suggested a group event.

Delegate Gary Banz of Oklahoma encouraged appreciation for staff.

Delegate Robert Karnes of West Virginia expressed appreciation for all of those who had participated in the convention planning.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Delegate from Tennessee that the Article V Planning Convention stand adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Thursday, September 14, 2017. Carried at 5:01 p.m.

KELLY TOWNSEND
President

ATTEST:

DAVID GULDENSCHUH
Secretary

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Third Day

President Kelly Townsend, Delegate from Arizona, sounded the gavel at 9:04 a.m.

President Townsend announced that, without objection, delegates and guests would please rise and remain standing for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The invocation was given by Pastor John Higgins.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Delegate Anthony Kern of Arizona.

The roll was called by state and President Townsend announced the attendance:

Arizona	
Georgia	
Idaho	
Indiana	
Iowa	
Kansas	
Kentucky	
Michigan	
Minnesota	
Missouri	
New Hampshire	
Oklahoma	
South Carolina	
South Dakota	
Tennessee	
Utah	
Wyoming	
Total Present:	17

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Credentials Committee, Delegate Tom Llewellyn of Michigan, Chair

Secretary, Delegate David Guldenschuh of Georgia

President Kelly Townsend, Delegate from Arizona

Vice-President Ken Ivory, Delegate from Utah

Motion by Vice-President Ken Ivory, Delegate from Utah that a Committee on Style be appointed. Carried.

President Townsend announced that, without objection, the reading of the Journal of Wednesday, September 13, 2017 was dispensed and approved as written

President Townsend announced that, without objection, the Planning Convention would recess subject to the sound of the gavel. Carried at 9:15 a.m.

President Townsend sounded the gavel at 2:08 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee on Planning
Delegate Tom Buford of Kentucky, Chair

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Subcommittee on Correspondence
Commissioner Anthony Kern of Arizona, Chair

Sub-Committee on Delegates and Correspondence Final Report

Chair- Rep. Anthony Kern AZ

Recommendation 1:

In anticipation of the call for a convention for proposing amendments, states are strongly encouraged to enact delegates selection legislation at the earliest opportunity.

It is recommended that such legislation establish a process for the appointment of delegates and alternates to a future convention, provide instruction regarding responsibilities, limitations, if any, and appropriation considerations to such delegates and provide standards for monitoring and communicating with said delegates.

*Examples will be included in the organizational appendix.

Recommendation 2:

The Phoenix Correspondence Commission is hereby created. The commission will consist of commissioners appointed by the states to carry out the following functions to organize a convention for proposing amendments:

1. Creating a single point of contact to act as a liaison with Congress.
2. Track all applications for a convention for proposing amendments.
3. Create a process to suggest a time and place to Congress for a convention for proposing amendments.
4. Provide a process for legal representation, if necessary.
5. Perform tasks as needed to organize the convention.

Recommendation 3:

Each state is strongly encouraged to appoint a commissioner to the Commission to join with those in the other states to communicate on all matters associated with a convention for proposing amendments with any or all of the following:

1. State Legislators
2. United States Citizens
3. Convention Organizers
4. State Congressional Delegation
5. Congress

Recommendation 4:

The members of the commission will be initially comprised of one member appointed from each delegation present at this convention, until such time as each commissioner's state formally appoints a commissioner to the Commission or declines to do the same.

Subcommittee on Time, Place and Logistics
Commissioner Dan Innis of New Hampshire, Chair

Planning Subcommittee on Time, Place, and Logistics Final Report

Chair- Sen. Dan Innis NH

Pursuant to Article V, "The Congress, whenever two thirds of both Houses shall deem it necessary, shall propose Amendments to this Constitution, **or, on the Application of the Legislatures of two thirds of the several States, shall call a Convention for proposing Amendments**, which, in either Case, shall be valid to all Intents and Purposes, as Part of this Constitution, when ratified by the Legislatures of three fourths of the several States, or by Conventions in three fourths thereof, as the one or the other Mode of Ratification may be proposed by the Congress; Provided that no Amendment which may be made prior to the Year One thousand eight hundred and eight shall in any Manner affect the first and fourth Clauses in the Ninth Section of the first Article; and that no State, without its Consent, shall be deprived of its equal Suffrage in the Senate."

Upon receipt of the balanced budget application of the resolution of the 34th state, the States request that Congress shall set a time and place for the Convention to convene as soon as practicable, but no later than 180 days after receipt of the application.

It is recommended that the place of the Convention be held at an accessible location capable of accommodating at least 500 delegates in addition to support, meeting rooms, technology support, and staff. To facilitate the expeditious undertaking of this Convention, it is recommended that Congress delegate this responsibility to the Several States. It is recommended each state be responsible for travel, housing, and staffing of their respective delegations. Attending states should be responsible for the shared overhead expenses of the Balanced Budget Amendment Convention.

September 12, 2017

First Day

Motion:

That the Arizona Balanced Budget Amendment Planning Convention call upon the States to gather in convention before December 31, 2018 at a location to be determined to assess the status of the progress of the States toward calling an Article V Convention of the States to propose a Balanced Budget Amendment, and to determine such steps the States may affirmatively take to assist in reaching the two thirds threshold required by Article V mandating Congress to call such a convention.

Motion by Delegate Tom Buford of Kentucky, seconded by Delegate from South Carolina, that the report of the Committee on Planning be adopted.

President Townsend announced that, without objection, the Convention would stand at recess subject to the sound of the gavel at 2:16 p.m.

At 2:18 p.m., President Townsend sounded the gavel.

The report of the Committee on Planning was adopted.

Future Convention Working Group
Delegate Bob Thorpe of Arizona, Chair

Motion by Delegate Bob Thorpe of Arizona, seconded by Delegate Tom Buford of Kentucky that the report of the Future Convention Working Group be adopted.

Delegate from Georgia asked questions of Mr. Thorpe regarding the report of the Future Convention Working Group.

Delegate from Minnesota asked questions of Mr. Thorpe regarding the report of the Future Convention Working Group.

Delegate Tom Llewellyn of Michigan asked questions of Mr. Thorpe regarding the report of the Future Convention Working Group.

Delegate from South Carolina expressed concerns regarding the report of the Future Convention Working Group.

President Townsend commented on the report of the Future Convention Working Group.

Delegate Nancy Barto of Arizona suggested that the report of the Future Convention Working Group be held overnight.

Delegate from Tennessee asked questions of Mr. Thorpe regarding the report of the Future Convention Working Group.

Delegate Tom Buford of Kentucky withdrew his second of the report of the Future Convention Working Group and made a motion to postpone the adoption of the report of the Future Convention Working Group. Carried.

Committee on Rules
Delegate Gary Banz of Oklahoma, Chair

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Delegate from Missouri asked about extracurricular activities.

Vice-President Ken Ivory of Utah announced that the Committee on Style would be meeting upon adjournment.

Delegate Steve Smith of Arizona expressed appreciation to all who had participated in the Article V Planning Convention.

Delegate Hal Wick of South Dakota emphasized the importance of a Balanced Budget Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America.

Delegate Bob Thorpe of Arizona expressed appreciation for Delegate Hal Wick of South Dakota.

Delegate from Oklahoma expressed appreciation to the organizers of the Article V Planning Convention.

President Townsend offered comments relating to previous Article V Conventions.

September 14, 2017

Third Day

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Delegate from Tennessee that the Article V Planning Convention stand adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Friday, September 15, 2017. Carried at 3:04 p.m.

KELLY TOWNSEND
President

ATTEST:

DAVID GULDENSCHUH
Secretary