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House of Representatives, February 4, 2020

**JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING APPLICATION TO THE  
CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES CALLING A  
CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION TO PROPOSE A  
BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT**

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Reference to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, AUSTIN of Gray, DOLLOFF of Rumford, FECTION of Augusta, KESCHL of Belgrade, KINNEY of Knox, MILLETT of Waterford, SKOLFIELD of Weld.

STATE OF MAINE

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**RESOLVED:** That the Legislature of Maine hereby applies to the Congress of the United States, under the provisions of the United States Constitution, Article V, for the calling of a convention of the states limited exclusively to proposing an amendment to the United States Constitution requiring that, in the absence of a national emergency, the total of all federal appropriations made by the Congress of the United States for any fiscal year may not exceed the total of all estimated federal revenues for that fiscal year, together with any related and appropriate fiscal restraints; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That this application is to be considered as covering the same subject matter as the presently outstanding balanced budget applications from other states, including but not limited to previously adopted applications, and this application must be aggregated with those applications for the purpose of reaching the two-thirds of the several states necessary to require the calling of a convention, but may not be aggregated with any applications on any other subject; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That this application constitutes a continuing application in accordance with the United States Constitution, Article V until the legislatures of at least two-thirds of the several states have made applications on the same subject. It supersedes all previous applications by this Legislature on the same subject; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That the Secretary of State shall transmit copies of this application to the President of the United States Senate and the Secretary of the United States Senate and to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, to the members of the Senate and House of Representatives of this State and to the presiding officers of each of the legislative houses in the several states, requesting their cooperation.