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### **Executive Board Appoints South Dakota Delegates to National Planning Convention**

**PIERRE** – Two current legislators and a former lawmaker have been appointed by the Executive Board of the South Dakota Legislature to serve as delegates to a national planning convention regarding a possible balanced budget amendment to the United States Constitution.

Representing South Dakota at the Arizona Balanced Budget Amendment (BBA) Planning Convention in Phoenix, AZ on September 12, 2017 will be Senator Jim Stalzer of Sioux Falls, Representative Mike Stevens of Yankton, and former Representative Hal Wick of Sioux Falls. All three appointees will serve as delegates through January of 2019.

Those attending the convention will plan for and recommend rules and procedures for a prospective Article V convention to propose a balanced budget amendment to the U.S. Constitution. They will also make recommendations to Congress to determine a date and location for a second convention at which the amendment proposal will be made. In recent years, 27 states have enacted resolutions calling for the Article V convention. The South Dakota Legislature approved its resolution (HJR 1001) during the 2015 Legislative Session.

**Senator Jim Stalzer** was elected to the South Dakota House of Representatives in 2012, where he served until 2016, when he won a seat in the South Dakota Senate representing District 11. He is currently Vice Chair of the Senate Transportation Committee and a member of the Senate Taxation Committee and the Legislature's Executive Board.

**Representative Mike Stevens** from District 18 was elected to the South Dakota House of Representatives in 2012 and is in his third term. He serves as Chair of the House Judiciary Committee and is a member of the House Education Committee, House Legislative Procedure Committee, and the Executive Board.

**Former Representative Hal Wick** represented Minnehaha County for ten terms in the South Dakota House of Representatives from 1977-1980, 1995-1998, 2001-2008, and 2011-2014. He is a former member of the Executive Board and the following House Committees: Education, Government Operations and Audit, Legislative Procedure, Taxation, and Transportation.

The Executive Board members include Representative G. Mark Mickelson (Chair, R-Sioux Falls), Senator Brock Greenfield (Vice Chair, R-Clark), Representative Spencer Hawley (Ranking Minority Member, D-Brookings), Representatives Spencer Gosch (R-Glenham), Steven Haugaard (R-Sioux Falls), Lee Qualm (R-Platte), Tim Reed (R-Brookings), Mike Stevens (R-Yankton), Craig Tieszen (R-Rapid City), and Senators Jim Bolin (R-Canton), R. Blake Curd (R-Sioux Falls), Kris Langer (R-Dell Rapids), Jeffrey Partridge (R-Rapid City), Jim Stalzer (R-Sioux Falls), and Billie Sutton (D-Burke).