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Remarks on placing Sumter economy resolution in the Congressional Record

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Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have placed in the Record at the conclusion of my brief remarks a resolution from the Sumter (S. C.) Chamber of Commerce endorsing the proposal of the distinguished Senior Senator from Virginia (Mr. Byrd) for reducing the federal budget for 1958 by $5,000,000,000.

The people of Sumter County have always manifested a keen interest in keeping our county solvent and on a sound financial basis, and they practice at home what they preach to others. I have always found the people in this great county willing to shoulder their own burdens and to work out their own problems without outside aid or interference. And, Mr. President, they have done a remarkable job in this respect.

In passing this resolution the Sumter Chamber of Commerce has paid high tribute to a man whom we in South Carolina hold in the highest esteem. In the General Election last November the people of Sumter County cast a majority of their votes for Senator Byrd to be President of the United States, even after the distinguished Senator had stated that he did not aspire to this high office.

I believe, with Senator Byrd, there are many places
where unnecessary and unwise government spending in non-defense areas can be reduced. I hope it will be possible for the Congress, under the prudent leadership of the distinguished Chairman of the Finance Committee, to make these reductions in the proposed budget for 1958.

I also ask unanimous consent to have printed in the Record at this point/two editorials from outstanding newspapers in South Carolina which laud Senator Byrd for his efforts to reduce Government spending. The first is entitled "Might Eventually Win," and it appeared in the February 18 issue of The State of Columbia, S. C. The other is entitled "Would Force Balanced Budget." It is taken from the February 17 issue of The Times and Democrat of Orangeburg, S. C.

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