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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

By HULTMAN, PRIEBE, BRILES, COLEMAN, TIEDEN, ROBINSON, BERGMAN, GALLAGHER, HANSEN, RODGERS, MILLER of Marshall, HUTCHINS, NYSTROM, MILLER of Cerro Gordo, RAMSEY, SCHWENGELS, TAYLOR, DRAKE, BISENIUS, HULSE, HOLDEN, CARNEY, COMITO, GOODWIN, GRATIAS, HESTER, JENSEN, KUDART, WALDSTEIN and YENGER

Substituted for H.J.R. 1 2/9

Passed Senate, Date 2-1-79 (p. 362) Passed House, Date 2-9-79 (p. 525)

Vote: Ayes 31 Nays 16 Vote: Ayes 53 Nays 43

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Motion to reconsider tabled 2/9 (p. 526)

Motion to reconsider p. 303  
Withdrawn 2/6 (p. 351)

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A Joint Resolution for the purpose of requesting appropriate  
2 action by the Congress, either acting by consent of two-  
3 thirds of both houses or, on the application of the legis-  
4 latures of two-thirds of the several states, calling a  
5 constitutional convention to propose an amendment to the  
6 federal Constitution to require, with certain exceptions,  
7 that the federal budget be balanced.

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8 Repassed Senate per House amendment S-3068  
9 2-22-79 (p. 541)

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11 Motion to reconsider 2/26 (p. 569) Ruled out of order 5/11 (p. 1744)

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1 WHEREAS, with each passing year this nation becomes more  
2 deeply in debt as its expenditures grossly and repeatedly  
3 exceed available revenues, so that the public debt now ex-  
4 ceeds hundreds of billions of dollars; and

5 WHEREAS, the annual federal budget continually demonstrates  
6 an unwillingness or inability of both the legislative and  
7 executive branches of the federal government to curtail  
8 spending to conform to available revenues; and

9 WHEREAS, unified budgets do not reflect actual spending  
10 because of the exclusion of special outlays which are not  
11 included in the budget nor subject to the legal public debt  
12 limit; and

13 WHEREAS, knowledgeable planning, fiscal prudence, and plain  
14 good sense require that the budget reflect all federal spending  
15 and be in balance; and

16 WHEREAS, believing that fiscal irresponsibility at the  
17 federal level, with the inflation which results from this  
18 policy, is one of the greatest threats which faces our na-  
19 tion, we firmly believe that constitutional restraint is  
20 necessary to bring the fiscal discipline needed to restore  
21 financial responsibility; and

22 WHEREAS, under Article five (V) of the Constitution of  
23 the United States, amendments to the federal Constitution  
24 may be proposed by the congress whenever two-thirds of both  
25 houses deem it necessary, or on the application of the  
26 legislatures of two-thirds of the several states the congress  
27 shall call a constitutional convention for the purpose of  
28 proposing amendments which shall be valid to all intents and  
29 purposes when ratified by three-fourths of the several states,  
30 and we believe such action is vital; NOW THEREFORE,

31 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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32 Section 1. The Iowa general assembly proposes to the  
33 congress of the United States that procedures be instituted  
34 in the congress to propose and submit to the several states  
35 an amendment to the Constitution of the United States re-

1 quiring that the federal budget be balanced in the absence  
2 of a national emergency.

3     Sec. 2. Alternatively, the Iowa general assembly re-  
4 spectfully makes application to and petitions the congress  
5 of the United States to call a convention for the specific  
6 and exclusive purpose of proposing an amendment to the  
7 Constitution of the United States to require a balanced federal  
8 budget and to make certain exceptions with respect thereto.

9     Sec. 3. This application by the Iowa general assembly  
10 constitutes a continuing application in accordance with Article  
11 five (V) of the Constitution of the United States until the  
12 legislatures of at least two-thirds of the several states  
13 have made similar applications pursuant to Article five (V),  
14 but if the congress proposes an amendment to the Constitution  
15 identical in subject matter to that contained in this  
16 resolution, then this application and petition for a  
17 constitutional convention shall no longer be of any force  
18 or effect.

19     Sec. 4. This application and petition shall be deemed  
20 null and void, rescinded, and of no effect in the event that  
21 such convention not be limited to such specific and exclusive  
22 purpose.

23     Sec. 5. The Iowa general assembly also proposes that the  
24 legislatures of each of the several states comprising the  
25 United States apply to the congress requesting the enactment  
26 of an appropriate amendment to the federal Constitution, or  
27 requiring the congress to call a constitutional convention  
28 for proposing such an amendment to the federal Constitution.

29     Sec. 6. The secretary of state of Iowa is directed to  
30 send copies of this resolution to the secretary of state and  
31 presiding officers of both houses of the legislatures of each  
32 of the several states in the union, the speaker and the clerk  
33 of the United States house of representatives, the president  
34 and the secretary of the United States senate, and each member  
35 of the Iowa congressional delegation.

EXPLANATION

1  
2 This resolution petitions the United States Congress to  
3 propose an amendment to the United States Constitution which  
4 requires the federal budget to be balanced with certain  
5 exceptions, or to call a limited constitutional convention  
6 for that specific and exclusive purpose.

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1

S-3114

- 1 Amend the House Amendment, S-3068, to Senate Joint  
2 Resolution 1 as follows:  
3 1. Page 1, line 3, by striking the figure "1980"  
4 and inserting in lieu thereof the figure "1981".  
5 2. Page 1, line 6, by striking the figure "1980"  
6 and inserting in lieu thereof the figure "1981".  
7 3. Page 1, line 12, by striking the figure "1980"  
8 and inserting in lieu thereof the figure "1981".  
9 4. Page 1, line 15, by striking the figure "1980"  
10 and inserting in lieu thereof the figure "1981".  
11 5. Page 1, line 22, by striking the figure "1980"  
12 and inserting in lieu thereof the figure "1981".

S-3114 FILED & WITHDRAWN (f. 540) BY ROBERT CARR  
FEBRUARY 22, 1979

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1

S-3117

- 1 Amend House Amendment, S-3068, to Senate  
2 Joint Resolution 1 as follows:  
3 1. Page 1, line 3, by striking the figure  
4 "1980" and inserting in lieu thereof the figure  
5 "1981".  
6 2. Page 1, line 6, by striking the figure  
7 "1980" and inserting in lieu thereof the figure  
8 "1981".  
9 3. Page 1, line 12, by striking the figure  
10 "1980" and inserting in lieu thereof the figure  
11 "1981".  
12 4. Page 1, line 15, by striking the figure  
13 "1980" and inserting in lieu thereof the figure  
14 "1981".  
15 5. Page 1, line 22, by striking the figure  
16 "1980" and inserting in lieu thereof the figure  
17 "1981".  
18 6. Page 1, by inserting after line 22 the  
19 following: " Page 2, line 30, by inserting  
20 after the word "resolution" the words "no sooner  
21 than April 15, 1980".

S-3117 FILED & LOST (f. 540)  
FEBRUARY 22, 1979

BY LUCAS J. DE KOSTER  
ARTHUR A. SMALL, JR.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1

S-3113

1 Amend House Amendment, S-3068, to Senate Joint  
2 Resolution 1 as follows:  
3 1. Page 1, by inserting after line 3 the following:  
4 "\_\_\_\_. Page 2, by striking lines 1 and 2 and inserting  
5 in lieu thereof the following: "quiring that the total  
6 expenditures of the federal government shall be no more  
7 than twenty-five percent of the gross national product of  
8 the United States.""  
9 2. Page 1, by inserting after line 9 the following:  
10 "\_\_\_\_. Page 2, by striking lines 7 and 8 and inserting  
11 in lieu thereof the following: "Constitution of the United  
12 States to require that the total expenditures of the federal  
13 government shall be no more than twenty-five percent of  
14 the gross national product of the United States.""  
15 3. Page 1, by inserting after line 22 the following:  
16 "\_\_\_\_. Title page, by striking line 7 and inserting  
17 in lieu thereof the words "that total federal expenditures  
18 be limited to a certain percentage of the gross national  
19 product.""

S-3113 FILED

BY JOHN S. MURRAY

FEBRUARY 22, 1979

RULED OUT OF ORDER (p. 536)

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1

S-3115

1 Amend the House amendment, S-3068, to Senate Joint  
2 Resolution 1 as follows:  
3 1. Page 1, line 3, by striking the word "July"  
4 and inserting in lieu thereof the word "October".  
5 2. Page 1, line 6, by striking the word "July"  
6 and inserting in lieu thereof the word "October".  
7 3. Page 1, line 12, by striking the word "July"  
8 and inserting in lieu thereof the word "October".  
9 4. Page 1, line 15, by striking the word "July"  
10 and inserting in lieu thereof the word "October".  
11 5. Page 1, by inserting after line 16 the  
12 following:  
13 "\_\_\_\_. Page 2, by inserting after line 22 the  
14 following section:  
15 "Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. This application and petition shall  
16 be deemed null and void, rescinded, and of no effect  
17 in the event that federal budget appropriations for  
18 the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1980 do not  
19 exceed projected revenues for that fiscal year."  
20 6. Page 1, line 21, by striking the word "July"  
21 and inserting in lieu thereof the word "October".

S-3115 FILED & LOST (p. 539)  
FEBRUARY 22, 1979

BY PATRICK J. DELUHERY

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1

S-3016

- 1 Amend Senate Joint Resolution 1 as follows:  
2 1. Page 1, by striking lines 25 through 28 and  
3 inserting in lieu thereof the words "houses deem it  
4 necessary, which amendments shall be valid to all  
5 intents and".  
6 2. Page 2, by striking lines 3 through 22.  
7 3. Page 2, by striking lines 26 through 28 and  
8 inserting in lieu thereof the words "of an appropriate  
9 amendment to the federal Constitution."  
10 4. By renumbering sections in accordance with  
11 this amendment.  
12 5. Amend the title, by striking lines 2 through  
13 5 and inserting in lieu thereof the words "action  
14 by the Congress to propose an amendment to the".

S-3016 FILED & LOST (*f. 305*)  
JANUARY 31, 1979

BY PATRICK J. DELUHERY  
C. W. HUTCHINS  
LUCAS J. DeKOSTER

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1

S-3017

- 1 Amend Senate Joint Resolution 1 as follows:  
2 1. Page 1, line 15 by striking the words "and be in  
3 balance".  
4 2. Page 2, line 1 by inserting after the word  
5 "balanced" the words "across the business cycle".  
6 3. Page 2, line 2 by inserting after the word  
7 "emergency." the words "A Federal budget will be con-  
8 sidered balanced if projected federal revenues equal  
9 projected federal expenditures based on an unemployment  
10 rate of four percent."

S-3017 FILED *A. L. 2/1 (p. 299)*  
JANUARY 31, 1979 *B. L. 2/1 (p. 301)*  
*C. L. 2/1 (p. 302)*

BY ARTHUR A. SMALL JR.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1

S-3018

- 1 Amend Senate Joint Resolution 1 as follows:  
2 1. Page 1, by striking lines 13 through 15  
3 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:  
4 "Whereas, knowledgeable planning, fiscal  
5 prudence, and plain good sense suggests that  
6 the economy of the United States is better  
7 served by federal spending which does not  
8 exceed revenues and this goal should be achieved  
9 by spending reductions of no more than ten percent  
10 in any one agency in fiscal 1980; and".

S-3018 FILED *L. 2/1 (p. 298)*  
JANUARY 31, 1979

BY WILLIAM D. PALMER

S-3019

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1

1 Amend the Small amendment, S3017, to Senate Joint  
2 Resolution 1, as follows:  
3 1. Page 1, line 5 by striking the words "across  
4 the business cycle" and inserting in lieu thereof the  
5 words "across a four year business cycle".

S-3019 FILED & ADOPTED (p. 300)  
FEBRUARY 1, 1979

BY RICHARD F. DRAKE

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1

S-3020

1 Amend Senate Joint Resolution 1 as follows:  
2 1. Page 1, by striking lines 1 through 31 and in-  
3 serting in lieu thereof the following:  
4 "WHEREAS, occasionally a political breeze of such  
5 force and temper springs up that the temptation to  
6 hoist sail, lift anchor, and head out to sea becomes  
7 so overpowering that it pushes aside the warnings of  
8 reason which tell us those winds will smash our craft  
9 against sharp rocks; and  
10 WHEREAS, we are convinced that if the craft does  
11 sink we at least will be able to swim ashore, and  
12 WHEREAS, given the choice we would rather sail with  
13 the wind and tide than against them; NOW THEREFORE, BE  
14 IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:"

S-3020 FILED & WITHDRAWN (p. 302)  
FEBRUARY 1, 1979

BY ARTHUR A. SMALL JR.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1

3224

- 1 Amend Senate Joint Resolution 1 as follows:  
2 1. Page 1, by striking line 35 through page 2,  
3 line 2, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:  
4 "an amendment to the Constitution of the United  
5 States limiting the growth of total federal  
6 government spending to the percentage of growth of  
7 the Net National Product as computed by the Bureau  
8 of Economic Analysis for the 12 months prior to  
9 the beginning of the budgeted fiscal year, and  
10 making certain exceptions with respect thereto."  
11 2. Page 2, by striking lines 7 and 8 and  
12 inserting in lieu thereof the following:  
13 "Constitution of the United States to limit the  
14 growth of total federal government spending to the  
15 percentage of growth of the Net National Product  
16 as computed by the Bureau of Economic Analysis  
17 for the 12 months prior to the beginning of the  
18 budgeted fiscal year, and making certain  
19 exceptions with respect thereto."  
20 3. Amend the title, by striking line 7 and  
21 inserting in lieu thereof the following: "that  
22 the growth of total federal government spending  
23 be limited to the percentage of growth in the  
24 Net National Product."

H-3224 FILED *Bill not germane*  
FEBRUARY 8, 1979 *2/9 (p. 522)*

BY HANSON of Delaware  
PELTON of Clinton

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1

H-3226

- 1 Amend Senate Joint Resolution 1 as follows:  
2 1. Page 2, by inserting after line 22 the  
3 following:  
4 "Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. This application and petition shall  
5 be deemed null and void, rescinded, and of no effect  
6 if for any fiscal year the state budget provides for  
7 expenditures in that fiscal year in excess of the  
8 state revenues obtained in that fiscal year."  
9 2. By renumbering the sections to conform to this  
10 amendment.

H-3226 FILED *Bill not germane*  
FEBRUARY 8, 1979 *2/9 (p. 523)*

BY HORN of Linn

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1

H-3216

1 Amend Senate Joint Resolution 1 as follows:

2 1. Page 1, by striking lines 25 through 28 and  
3 inserting in lieu thereof the words "houses deem it  
4 necessary, which amendments shall be valid to all  
5 intents and".

6 2. Page 2, by striking lines 3 through 22.

7 3. Page 2; by striking lines 26 through 28 and  
8 inserting in lieu thereof the words "of an appropriate  
9 amendment to the federal Constitution."

10 4. By renumbering sections in accordance with  
11 this amendment.

12 5. Amend the title, by striking lines 2 through  
13 5 and inserting in lieu thereof the words "action  
14 by the Congress to propose an amendment to the".

H-3216 FILED *Adopted an amended* BY CLARK of Lee  
FEBRUARY 7, 1979 *by 3228 2/9 (p. 521)* POPE of Polk  
KREWSON of Polk  
POFFENBERGER of Dallas  
CLARK of Cerro Gordo  
MULLINS of Kossuth  
CRAWFORD of Story  
AVENSON of Fayette  
EGENES of Story  
NORLAND of Worth

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1

H-3227

- 1 Amend Senate Joint Resolution 1 as follows:
- 2 1. Page 1, line 34, by inserting after the word
- 3 "states" the words and figures "before July 1, 1980,".
- 4 2. Page 2, line 3, by inserting after the word
- 5 "Alternatively," the words and figures "effective
- 6 July 1, 1980, if the Congress of the United States
- 7 has not proposed and submitted to the several states
- 8 an amendment as provided in section one (1) of this
- 9 resolution,".
- 10 3. Page 2, line 9, by striking the word "This"
- 11 and inserting in lieu thereof the words and figures
- 12 "Effective July 1, 1980, this".
- 13 4. Page 2, line 16, by inserting after the word
- 14 "resolution," the words and figures "or if before
- 15 July 1, 1980, the general assembly repeals this
- 16 application to call a constitutional convention,".
- 17 5. Page 2, line 28, by inserting after the word
- 18 "Constitution" the words and figures "if the Congress
- 19 of the United States has not proposed and submitted
- 20 to the several states an amendment as provided in
- 21 section one (1) of this resolution before July 1,
- 22 1980".

H-3227 FILED *Placed out of order*  
FEBRUARY 8, 1979 *2/9 (p. 52)*

BY EVANS of Grundy  
WELLS of Linn  
CRABB of Crawford  
HUSAK of Tama  
SCHROEDER of Pottawattamie  
HALL of Linn  
MILLER of Buchanan  
WEST of Marshall  
CONLON of Muscatine

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1

H-3231

- 1 Amend Senate Joint Resolution 1 as follows:
- 2 1. Page 1, line 3, by striking the word
- 3 "available".
- 4 2. Page 1, line 4, by inserting after the word
- 5 "dollars" the words "with the interest on such debt
- 6 approaching ten percent of the federal budget".
- 7 3. Page 1, line 8, by striking the words "available
- 8 revenues" and inserting in lieu thereof the words
- 9 "revenues or to raise taxes to balance the budget".
- 10 4. Page 1, lines 17 and 18, by striking the words
- 11 "with the inflation which results from this policy"
- 12 and inserting in lieu thereof the words "which is
- 13 the major factor contributing to the declining
- 14 purchasing power of the dollar".

H-3231 FILED *Lost 2/9 (p. 518-19)*  
FEBRUARY 8, 1979

BY HOWELL of Floyd

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1

H-3228

1 Amend the Clark amendment H-3216 to Senate Joint  
 2 Resolution 1 as follows:  
 3 1. By striking lines 2 through 14 and inserting  
 4 in lieu thereof the following:  
 5 "1. Page 1, line 34, by inserting after the word  
 6 "states" the words and figures "before July 1, 1980,".  
 7 2. Page 2, line 3, by inserting after the word  
 8 "Alternatively," the words and figures "effective  
 9 July 1, 1980, if the Congress of the United States  
 10 has not proposed and submitted to the several states  
 11 an amendment as provided in section one (1) of this  
 12 resolution,".  
 13 3. Page 2, line 9, by striking the word "This"  
 14 and inserting in lieu thereof the words and figures  
 15 "Effective July 1, 1980, this".  
 16 4. Page 2, line 16, by inserting after the word  
 17 "resolution," the words and figures "or if before  
 18 July 1, 1980, the general assembly repeals this  
 19 application to call a constitutional convention,".  
 20 5. Page 2, line 28, by inserting after the word  
 21 "Constitution" the words and figures "if the Congress  
 22 of the United States has not proposed and submitted  
 23 to the several states an amendment as provided in  
 24 section one (1) of this resolution before July 1,  
 25 1980".

H-3228 FILED *Adopted 2/9 (p. 521)*  
FEBRUARY 8, 1979

BY EVANS of Grundy  
 WELLS of Linn  
 CRABE of Crawford  
 HUSAK of Tama  
 SCHROEDER of Pottawattamie  
 HALL of Linn  
 MILLER of Buchanan  
 WEST of Marshall  
 CONLON of Muscatine

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1

H-3230

1 Amend Senate Joint Resolution 1 as follows:  
 2 1. Page 1, line 19, by striking the word "con-  
 3 stitutional".  
 4 2. Page 1, line 21, by striking the word "and"  
 5 and inserting in lieu thereof the words "NOW  
 6 THEREFORE,".  
 7 3. Page 1, by striking lines 22 through 30.  
 8 4. Page 1, by striking lines 34 and 35 and insert-  
 9 ing in lieu thereof the words "in the Congress to  
 10 balance the federal budget in the absence of a national  
 11 emergency."  
 12 5. Page 2, by striking lines 1 through 28.  
 13 6. Renumber the remaining section.  
 14 7. Title page, by striking lines 2 through 7 and  
 15 inserting in lieu thereof the words "action by the  
 16 Congress to balance the federal budget with certain  
 17 exceptions."

H-3230 FILED *Withdrawn 2/9 (p. 522)*

BY HALVORSON of Webster  
 WILSON of Pottawattamie

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1

S-3068

- 1 Amend Senate Joint Resolution 1 as follows:  
 2 1. Page 1, line 34, by inserting after the word  
 3 "states" the words and figures "before July 1, 1980,".  
 4 2. Page 2, line 3, by inserting after the word  
 5 "Alternatively," the words and figures "effective  
 6 July 1, 1980, if the Congress of the United States  
 7 has not proposed and submitted to the several states  
 8 an amendment as provided in section one (1) of this  
 9 resolution,".  
 10 3. Page 2, line 9, by striking the word "This"  
 11 and inserting in lieu thereof the words and figures  
 12 "Effective July 1, 1980, this".  
 13 4. Page 2, line 16, by inserting after the word  
 14 "resolution," the words and figures "or if before  
 15 July 1, 1980, the general assembly repeals this  
 16 application to call a constitutional convention,".  
 17 5. Page 2, line 28, by inserting after the word  
 18 "Constitution" the words and figures "if the Congress  
 19 of the United States has not proposed and submitted  
 20 to the several states an amendment as provided in  
 21 section one (1) of this resolution before July 1,  
 22 1980".

S-3068 FILED  
 FEBRUARY 13, 1979

RECEIVED FROM THE HOUSE  
*Senate concurred 2/22 (p 541)*

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1

S-3102

- 1 Amend House Amendment, S-3068, to Senate Joint  
 2 Resolution 1 as follows:  
 3 1. Page 1, by striking lines 4 through 22 and in-  
 4 serting in lieu thereof the following:  
 5 "2. Page 2, by striking lines 3 through 22.  
 6 3. Page 2, line 26, by striking the words  
 7 "Constitution, or" and inserting in lieu thereof the  
 8 word "Constitution."  
 9 4. Page 2, by striking lines 27 and 28.  
 10 5. By amending the title, by striking lines 2 through  
 11 5 and inserting in lieu thereof the words "action by the  
 12 Congress to propose an amendment to the"."

S-3102 FILED *Filed not germane 2/22*  
 FEBRUARY 19, 1979 *(p. 538)*

*Order changed to order of order*

BY JOHN S. MURRAY  
 PATRICK J. DELUHERY  
 LUCAS J. DeKOSTER  
 C.W. HUTCHINS  
 JULIA GENTLEMAN  
 JOHN SCOTT  
 DAVID M. READINGER

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1

A JOINT RESOLUTION

FOR THE PURPOSE OF REQUESTING APPROPRIATE ACTION BY THE CONGRESS, EITHER ACTING BY CONSENT OF TWO-THIRDS OF BOTH HOUSES OR, ON THE APPLICATION OF THE LEGISLATURES OF TWO-THIRDS OF THE SEVERAL STATES, CALLING A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION TO PROPOSE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FEDERAL CONSTITUTION TO REQUIRE, WITH CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS, THAT THE FEDERAL BUDGET BE BALANCED.

WHEREAS, with each passing year this nation becomes more deeply in debt as its expenditures grossly and repeatedly exceed available revenues, so that the public debt now exceeds hundreds of billions of dollars; and

WHEREAS, the annual federal budget continually demonstrates an unwillingness or inability of both the legislative and executive branches of the federal government to curtail spending to conform to available revenues; and

WHEREAS, unified budgets do 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, knowledgeable planning, fiscal prudence, and plain good sense require that the budget reflect all federal spending and be in balance; and

WHEREAS, believing that fiscal irresponsibility at the federal level, with the inflation which results from this policy, is one of the greatest threats which faces our nation, we firmly believe that constitutional restraint is necessary to bring the fiscal discipline needed to restore financial responsibility; and

WHEREAS, under Article five (V) of the Constitution of the United States, amendments to the federal Constitution may be proposed by the congress whenever two-thirds of both houses deem it necessary, or on the application of the legislatures of two-thirds of the several states the congress shall call a constitutional convention for the purpose of proposing amendments which shall be valid to all intents and purposes when ratified by three-fourths of the several states, and we believe such action is vital; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. The Iowa general assembly proposes to the congress of the United States that procedures be instituted in the congress to propose and submit to the several states before July 1, 1980, an amendment to the Constitution of the United States requiring that the federal budget be balanced in the absence of a national emergency.

Sec. 2. Alternatively, effective July 1, 1980, if the Congress of the United States has not proposed and submitted to the several states an amendment as provided in section one (1) of this resolution, the Iowa general assembly re-

spectively makes application to and petitions the congress of the United States to call a convention for the specific and exclusive purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to require a balanced federal budget and to make certain exceptions with respect thereto.

Sec. 3. Effective July 1, 1980, this application by the Iowa general assembly constitutes a continuing application in accordance with Article five (V) of the Constitution of the United States until the legislatures of at least two-thirds of the several states have made similar applications pursuant to Article five (V), but if the congress proposes an amendment to the Constitution identical in subject matter to that contained in this resolution, or if before July 1, 1980, the general assembly repeals this application to call a constitutional convention, then this application and petition for a constitutional convention shall no longer be of any force or effect.

Sec. 4. This application and petition shall be deemed null and void, rescinded, and of no effect in the event that such convention not be limited to such specific and exclusive purpose.

Sec. 5. The Iowa general assembly also proposes that the legislatures of each of the several states comprising the United States apply to the congress requesting the enactment of an appropriate amendment to the federal Constitution, or requiring the congress to call a constitutional convention for proposing such an amendment to the federal Constitution if the Congress of the United States has not proposed and submitted to the several states an amendment as provided in section one (1) of this resolution before July 1, 1980.

Sec. 6. The secretary of state of Iowa is directed to send copies of this resolution to the secretary of state and presiding officers of both houses of the legislatures of each of the several states in the union, the speaker and the clerk of the United States house of representatives, the president

and the secretary of the United States senate, and each member of the Iowa congressional delegation.

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TERRY E. BRANSTAD  
President of the Senate

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FLOYD H. MILLEN  
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and is known as Senate Joint Resolution 1, Sixty-eighth General Assembly.

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FRANK J. STORK  
Secretary of the Senate