

1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8  
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5 A Concurrent Resolution urging the United States  
6 Congress to propose an amendment to the Constitution  
7 of the United States to create a line item veto power  
8 for the President of the United States.

9 WHEREAS, the American public has long favored the  
10 line item veto to purge federal government budgets of  
11 unnecessary spending; and

12 WHEREAS, forty-three states have the line item  
13 veto; and

14 WHEREAS, in 1997, Pub. L. No. 140-130 went into  
15 effect, empowering the President of the United States  
16 to veto specific spending or certain taxing provisions  
17 of legislation; and

18 WHEREAS, the Act provided the President the  
19 authority to cancel in whole any dollar amount of  
20 discretionary budget authority, any item of new direct  
21 spending, and certain limited tax benefits; and

22 WHEREAS, in the single year this budget cutting  
23 tool was in effect, it was used 82 times to delete  
24 unnecessary expenditures in 11 spending bills, with  
25 total savings of nearly \$2 billion over five years;  
26 and

27 WHEREAS, on June 26, 1998, the United States  
28 Supreme Court, in Clinton v. City of New York,  
29 declared the item veto law to be unconstitutional; and

30 WHEREAS, a constitutional amendment granting the

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1 President line item veto authority will help ensure a  
2 necessary check on a congressional tradition of  
3 inserting billions of dollars of unnecessary spending  
4 into appropriations bills; NOW THEREFORE,

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE HOUSE OF  
6 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the Iowa General  
7 Assembly respectfully urges the Congress of the United  
8 States to propose an amendment to the Constitution of  
9 the United States establishing a line item veto power  
10 for the President of the United States; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the  
12 Senate shall forward copies of this Resolution to the  
13 President of the United States, the President of the  
14 Senate of the United States, the Speaker of the House  
15 of Representatives of the United States, and the  
16 members of Iowa's congressional delegation.

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