

IN THE SENATE

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 108

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND MAKING A FORMAL APPLICATION TO CON-  
3 GRESS TO CALL A CONVENTION FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF PROPOSING FOR RATIFI-  
4 CATION AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION WHICH REQUIRES A BALANCED FED-  
5 ERAL BUDGET.

6 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

7 WHEREAS, Article V of the Constitution of the United States mandates  
8 that upon the "Application of the Legislatures of two thirds of the several  
9 States" Congress shall "call a Convention for proposing Amendments"; and

10 WHEREAS, the Legislature deems an amendment to the United States Con-  
11 stitution requiring a balanced federal budget is necessary for the good of  
12 the American people.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Ses-  
14 sion of the Sixty-fourth Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Rep-  
15 resentatives concurring therein, that the Legislature of the State of Idaho  
16 hereby applies to Congress, under the provisions of Article V of the Consti-  
17 tution of the United States, for the calling of a convention of the states  
18 limited to proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States  
19 requiring that in the absence of a national emergency the total of all fed-  
20 eral outlays made by the Congress for any fiscal year may not exceed the total  
21 of all estimated federal revenues for that fiscal year, together with any re-  
22 lated and appropriate fiscal restraints.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is hereby di-  
24 rected to transmit copies of this application to the President and Secretary  
25 of the Senate and to the Speaker and Clerk of the House of Representatives of  
26 the Congress, and copies to the members of the said Senate and House of Repre-  
27 sentatives from this state; also to transmit copies hereof to the presiding  
28 officers of each of the legislative houses in the several states, requesting  
29 their cooperation.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this application is to be considered as cover-  
31 ing the balanced budget amendment language of the presently outstanding  
32 balanced budget applications from other states including, but not limited  
33 to, previously adopted applications from Alabama (SJR 100 - 2011), Alaska  
34 (1982), Arkansas (HJR 1 - 1979), Colorado (SJM 1 - 1978), Florida (SM 658 -  
35 2014), Georgia (SR 371 - 2014), Indiana (SJR 8 - 1979), Iowa (SJR 1 - 1979),  
36 Kansas (SCR 1661 - 1979), Louisiana (HCR 70 - 2014), Maryland (SJR 4 - 1977),  
37 Michigan (SJR V - 2014), Mississippi (HCR 51 - 1975), Missouri (SCR 3 - 1983),  
38 Nebraska (LR 106 - 1979), Nevada (SJR 22 - 1979), New Hampshire (HCR 40 -  
39 2012), New Mexico (SJR 1979), North Carolina (SJR 1 - 1979), North Dakota  
40 (HCR 3015 - 2015), Ohio (SJR 5 - 2014), Oklahoma (SJR 4 - 2016), Pennsylvania  
41 (R 236 - 1979), South Dakota (HJR 1001 - 2015), Tennessee (HJR 548 - 2014),  
42 Texas (HCR 31 - 1979), Utah (HJR 7 - 2015) and West Virginia (HCR 36 - 2016);  
43 and this application shall be aggregated with same for the purpose of attain-

1 ing the two-thirds of states necessary to require the calling of a convention  
2 for proposing a balanced budget amendment, but shall not be aggregated with  
3 any applications on any other subject.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this application constitutes a continuing appli-  
5 cation in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States  
6 until the legislatures of at least two-thirds of the several states have made  
7 applications on the same subject. It supersedes all previous applications  
8 by this legislature on the same subject.