

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. HJ0004

Balanced budget amendment resolution.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Lindholm and Laursen and
Senator(s) Driskill, Hicks and Wasserburger

A JOINT RESOLUTION

for

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION petitioning Congress to call a
2 convention to propose amendments to the Constitution of the
3 United States to require a balanced federal budget.

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5 WHEREAS, the legislature of the State of Wyoming is
6 petitioning the Congress of the United States to call a
7 convention to propose amendments to the Constitution of the
8 United States to require a balanced federal budget.

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10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE
11 LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING:

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13 **Section 1.** That pursuant to Article V of the
14 Constitution of the United States, the legislature of the
15 state of Wyoming petitions the congress of the United

1 States of America, at its session, to call a convention of
2 the states limited to proposing an amendment to the
3 Constitution of the United States requiring that in the
4 absence of a national emergency, including, but not limited
5 to, an attack by a foreign nation or terrorist organization
6 within the United States of America, the total of all
7 federal appropriations made by the congress for any fiscal
8 year may not exceed the total of all estimated federal
9 revenues for that fiscal year, together with any related
10 and appropriate fiscal restraints.

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12 **Section 2.** That this application is to be considered
13 as covering the balanced budget amendment language of the
14 presently outstanding balanced budget applications from
15 other states, including, but not limited to, previously
16 adopted applications from Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas,
17 Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa,
18 Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi,
19 Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico,
20 North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Texas.
21 This application shall be aggregated with those
22 applications for the purpose of attaining the two-thirds

1 (2/3) of states necessary to require the calling of a
2 convention for proposing a balanced budget amendment, but
3 shall not be aggregated with any applications on any other
4 subject.

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6 **Section 3.** That this application constitutes a
7 continuing application in accordance with Article V of the
8 Constitution of the United States until the legislatures of
9 at least two-thirds (2/3) of the several states have made
10 applications on the same subject. This application
11 supersedes all previous applications by this legislature on
12 the same subject.

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14 **Section 4.** That the Secretary of State of Wyoming
15 transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the
16 United States, to the President of the Senate and the
17 Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United
18 States Congress, to the Wyoming Congressional Delegation
19 and to the presiding officers of each of the legislative
20 houses in the several states, requesting their cooperation.

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