

**MINUTES OF THE
HOUSE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE
ROOM 20, HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING, STATE CAPITOL COMPLEX
February 2, 2011**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Kraig Powell, Chair
 Rep. Brad Galvez, Vice Chair
 Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck
 Rep. Janice Fisher
 Rep. Richard Greenwood
 Rep. Curt Oda
 Rep. Lee Perry
 Rep. Holly Richardson
 Rep. Doug Sagers
 Rep. Evan Vickers

STAFF PRESENT: Benjamin N. Christensen, Policy Analyst
 Joanna MacKay, Committee Secretary

Note: A list of visitors is filed with committee minutes.

Rep. Powell called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

H.B. 250 State Emblem of Service and Sacrifice (Rep. M. Newbold)

Rep. Newbold explained the bill to the committee, assisted by John Thibeault.

MOTION: Rep. Greenwood moved to pass the bill with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

**H.C.R. 3 Concurrent Resolution Urging Congress to Pass Balanced Budget
Amendment to U.s. Constitution (Rep. C. Wimmer)**

MOTION: Rep. Oda moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. Page 2, Lines 44 through 47:

44 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah,
 the
45 Governor concurring therein, strongly urge the United States Congress to pass an
 amendment
46 to the United States Constitution requiring a balanced budget by October 1, 2011 and
 send it to the states for
47 ratification.

The motion to amend the bill passed unanimously .

Rep. Wimmer explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke in favor of the bill: Sherry Brophy, Davis County 9/12 Project

MOTION: Rep. Vickers moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. Page 2, Lines 34 through 40:

34 WHEREAS, the leaders of this nation must be held accountable for the financial
35 decisions they make {~~and not be allowed to spend the nation into financial
oblivion~~} ;

36 WHEREAS, ratifying a proposed constitutional amendment requiring a balanced
37 budget would clearly communicate to the federal government that the states, on behalf of
their
38 citizens, insist that their tax money be spent in a manner that demonstrates fiscal
responsibility

39 {~~and the same accountability that leads to the punishment, through federal laws
and regulations,
40 of many American citizens who spend more than they make~~} ; and

The motion to amend the bill passed with Rep. Oda, Rep. Perry, and Rep. Richardson voting against the motion.

MOTION: Rep. Perry moved to pass the bill with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed with Rep. Chavez-Houck and Rep. Fisher voting against the motion.

Rep. Powell introduced Claudia Arellano of the American Preparatory Academy and her classmates in the audience.

MOTION: Rep. Oda moved to adjourn.

Rep. Powell adjourned the meeting at 9:48 a.m.