

**RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO PASS
BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT**

2005 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This resolution of the House of Representatives urges Congress to amend the United States Constitution.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

► urges the United States Congress to pass an amendment to the United States Constitution to require a balanced federal budget.

Special Clauses:

None

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the state of Utah:

WHEREAS, for many years a persistent political issue facing Congress is whether to require that the budget of the United States be in balance;

WHEREAS, although a balanced federal budget has long been held as a political ideal, the accumulation of large deficits in recent years has heightened concern that immediate action to require a balance between revenues and expenditures at the national level may be necessary;

WHEREAS, while financial and social ills are aggravated by spiraling personal and family debt, spiraling national debt aggravates ills that may not be immediately felt but are equally harmful to society;

WHEREAS, consistently large deficits and the growing federal debt suggest that tough decisions lie ahead if the United States is to have control of its financial destiny;

WHEREAS, ratifying a proposed constitutional amendment requiring a balanced

budget would allow the states to communicate to the Federal Government, on behalf of their citizens, that the people insist that their tax money be spent in a manner that demonstrates fiscal responsibility and accountability; and

WHEREAS, a constitutional amendment requiring a balanced budget, though not without discomfort and sacrifice, would serve as a vital fiscal reality check for the United States Government and its people:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the state of Utah urges the United States Congress to pass an amendment to the United States Constitution requiring a balanced budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and to the members of Utah's congressional delegation.