

1                                   **RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO PASS**

2   **BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT**

3   2005 GENERAL SESSION

4   STATE OF UTAH

5   **Sponsor: Neil A. Hansen**

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7   **LONG TITLE**

8   **General Description:**

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

11 **Highlighted Provisions:**

12                   This resolution:

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

15 **Special Clauses:**

16                   None

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

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

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

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

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

29 WHEREAS, ratifying a proposed constitutional amendment requiring a balanced  
30 budget would allow the states to communicate to the Federal Government, on behalf of their  
31 citizens, that the people insist that their tax money be spent in a manner that demonstrates  
32 fiscal responsibility and accountability; and

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

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

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

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**Legislative Review Note**

**as of 2-4-05 6:40 AM**

Based on a limited legal review, this legislation has not been determined to have a high probability of being held unconstitutional.

**Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel**

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**Fiscal Note**  
**Bill Number HR0011**

**Resolution Urging Congress to Pass Balanced Budget Amendment**

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**State Impact**

Mailing provisions of this resolution can be handled within existing budgets.

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**Individual and Business Impact**

No fiscal impact.

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**Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst**