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Representative Carl Wimmer proposes the following substitute bill:

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO PASS

BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT TO U.S.

CONSTITUTION

2011 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Carl Wimmer

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor urges Congress to amend the United States Constitution with a balanced budget provision.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- ▶ urges the United States Congress to pass an amendment to the United States Constitution to require a balanced federal budget~~{.}~~; and
- ▶ urges that the United States Congress approve debt only in the event of a constitutional declaration of war.

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Special Clauses:

None

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein:

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

WHEREAS, although a balanced federal budget has long been held as a political ideal, the accumulation of alarming deficits in recent years has heightened concern that immediate action to require a balance between revenues and expenditures at the national level is necessary if not critical to the financial well being of the United States;

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

WHEREAS, the national debt, which is approximately 14 trillion dollars, has increased by over 3 trillion dollars in the last two years alone;

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

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

WHEREAS, ratifying a proposed constitutional amendment requiring a balanced budget would clearly communicate to the federal government that the states, on behalf of their citizens, insist that their tax money be spent in a manner that demonstrates fiscal responsibility; ~~and the same accountability that leads to the punishment, through federal laws and regulations, of many American citizens who spend more than they make; 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 Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein, strongly urge the United States Congress to pass an amendment to the United States Constitution by October 1, 2011, requiring a balanced budget and send it to the states for ratification.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor urge that the United States Congress approve debt only in the event of a constitutional declaration of war.

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.

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