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## Senate Concurrent Resolution

A concurrent resolution applying to the Congress of the United States to call a convention for the sole purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States which requires a balanced federal budget.

WHEREAS, on April 21, 2010, the Legislature of the State of Florida adopted Senate Concurrent Resolution 10, which made application to Congress to call a convention pursuant to Article V of the Constitution of the United States to propose amendments to the Constitution of the United States to achieve and maintain a balanced federal budget and to control the ability of Congress and federal executive agencies to dictate to states requirements for the expenditure of federal funds, and

WHEREAS, on April 21, 2014, the Legislature of the State of Florida adopted Senate Memorial 658, which made application to Congress to call a convention pursuant to Article V of the Constitution of the United States for the sole purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to require a balanced federal budget, and

WHEREAS, on May 2, 2023, the Legislature of the State of Florida adopted Senate Memorial 176, finding that, in order to ensure the stability of government and business functions at the local, regional, state, and national levels, it is imperative that the Federal Government take action to cut costs, reduce the tax burden on American families and businesses, operate according to principles of fiscal responsibility and discipline, and balance the federal budget, and urging Congress to take

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30 immediate action to begin to reduce the national debt and enact  
31 legislation requiring a balanced federal budget, and

32 WHEREAS, Congress continues to fail to introduce and enact  
33 legislation requiring its members to pass a balanced budget, and

34 WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Florida intends to  
35 conform its application to the active single subject  
36 applications made to Congress by the States of Alabama, Alaska,  
37 Arizona, Colorado, Iowa, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana,  
38 Michigan, Missouri, Mississippi, North Carolina, North Dakota,  
39 Nebraska, New Hampshire, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South  
40 Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Wisconsin, West Virginia, and  
41 Wyoming, NOW, THEREFORE,

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43 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida, the House  
44 of Representatives Concurring:

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46 (1) That the Legislature of the State of Florida applies to  
47 Congress, under Article V of the Constitution of the United  
48 States, to call a convention limited to proposing an amendment  
49 to the Constitution requiring that, in the absence of a national  
50 emergency, the total of all federal appropriations made by the  
51 Congress for any fiscal year not exceed the total of all  
52 estimated federal revenues for that fiscal year, together with  
53 any related and appropriate fiscal restraints.

54 (2) That this application is to be considered as covering  
55 the same subject matter as the presently outstanding balanced  
56 budget applications from other states and is to be aggregated  
57 with the applications from those states for the purpose of  
58 attaining the two-thirds number of states necessary to require

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59 the calling of a convention, but may not be aggregated with  
60 applications on any other subject calling for a constitutional  
61 convention under Article V of the United States Constitution.

62 (3) That this application constitutes a continuing  
63 application in accordance with Article V of the United States  
64 Constitution until the legislatures of at least two-thirds of  
65 the states have made applications on the same subject.

66 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this concurrent resolution is  
67 revoked and withdrawn, nullified, and superseded to the same  
68 effect as if it had never been adopted, and retroactive to the  
69 date of passage, if it is used for the purpose of calling a  
70 convention or used in support of conducting a convention to  
71 amend the Constitution of the United States with any agenda  
72 other than to propose an amendment to the Constitution requiring  
73 that, in the absence of a national emergency, the total of all  
74 federal appropriations made by the Congress for any fiscal year  
75 not exceed the total of all estimated federal revenues for that  
76 fiscal year, together with any related and appropriate fiscal  
77 restraints.

78 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this application be  
79 dispatched to the President of the United States, to the  
80 President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the  
81 United States House of Representatives, to each member of the  
82 Florida delegation to the United States Congress, and to the  
83 presiding officer of each house of the legislature of each  
84 state.