

By the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability;
and Senator Siplin

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Senate Memorial

A memorial to the Congress of the United States,
urging Congress to support repeal of Section 511 of
the Tax Increase Prevention and Reconciliation Act,
which requires governments that annually spend more
than \$100 million to withhold a 3 percent federal tax
on payments made for certain goods and services.

WHEREAS, state purchasing officials serve the public
interest and are charged with maximizing the value of every tax
dollar expended, and

WHEREAS, the unfunded mandate in Section 511 of Pub. L. No.
109-222, 25 U.S.C. 342(t) will result in additional expenditures
of human and budgetary capital to achieve agency compliance and
will dilute the value of taxpayer funds, and

WHEREAS, increases in operating costs will result in
significant reductions of support for critical services to the
public in this state, and

WHEREAS, requiring a 3 percent withholding places an
enormous burden on state and local governments and is extremely
detrimental to the small businesses that are the backbone of
this state's economy, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

That the Congress of the United States is urged to repeal
the unfunded mandate in Section 511 of Pub. L. No. 109-222, 25
U.S.C. 342(t) and support the repeal of this requirement in S.R.
89 and S.R. 164.

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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
31 dispatched to the President of the United States, to the
32 President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the
33 United States House of Representatives, and to each member of
34 the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.