

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 44th Legislature (1994)

HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1084

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AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution memorializing the United States Congress to consider and adopt House Joint Resolution 103 providing for a proposed amendment to the United States Constitution which would require a balanced federal budget; stating negative impact of existing federal deficit; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the United States of America has increased its indebtedness beyond the amount which is prudent for the operation of its federal government; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has had numerous opportunities to institute some form of control over the federal budget and to have exercised restraint in the creation of additional debt; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has demonstrated an inability to exercise restraint in its expenditures and has become unresponsive to the will of the people of the United States with respect to the issue of a balanced federal budget; and

WHEREAS, Senator Paul Simon introduced Senate Joint Resolution 41, supported by Senator David Boren and Senator Don Nickles of Oklahoma, for consideration by the 103rd Congress of the United States which could have resulted in submitting a proposed amendment to the United States Constitution to the several states requiring a balanced federal budget; and

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, March 1, 1994, the United States Senate voted 63 aye and 37 nay to adopt Senate Joint Resolution 41, but failed to approve the measure with a sufficient number of votes to send the measure to the United States House of Representatives for further consideration; and

WHEREAS, both United States Senators from Oklahoma voted in favor of Senate Joint Resolution 41; and

WHEREAS, House Joint Resolution 103 is also a measure which would submit a proposed amendment requiring a balanced federal budget to a vote by the several states; and

WHEREAS, an amendment to the United States Constitution is a practical necessity given the historical reluctance of the United States Congress to impose limits on expenditures which are in excess of revenue; and

WHEREAS, a balanced federal budget would promote a more stable financial environment for businesses and individuals in the United States and would lead to a more cautious approach by the United States Congress in the enactment and implementation of federal programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 44TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT all members of the 103rd Congress of the United States of America are memorialized to consider and approve House Joint Resolution 103 which would cause the question of a balanced federal budget to be submitted to the several states as a proposed amendment to the United States Constitution.

THAT all members of Congress carefully consider the negative impact which the current federal budgetary deficit has upon the financial environment within and without the United States and that action be taken as rapidly as possible upon House Joint Resolution

103 as an effective solution to the serious problems posed by the federal deficit.

THAT copies of this resolution be transmitted to each member of the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation.

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