

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 44

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE THAT THE SCOPE OF POWER DEFINED BY THE  
2 TENTH AMENDMENT PROVIDES THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WAS CREATED BY THE  
3 STATES SPECIFICALLY TO BE AN AGENT OF THE STATES, THAT CONGRESS IS  
4 URGED TO PASS LEGISLATION IMPLEMENTING THE FINDINGS PROVIDED FOR IN  
5 THIS CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, INCLUDING BALANCING THE FEDERAL BUDGET,  
6 EXTINGUISHING THE PUBLIC DEBT, PROVIDING FOR GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY,  
7 MAINTAINING AN ENGLISH-SPEAKING NATION, PREVENTING FOREIGN ENTITIES  
8 FROM HAVING AUTHORITY OVER ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE UNITED STATES, RE-  
9 STRAINING THE GROWTH OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, PREVENTING UNFUNDED  
10 MANDATES, PROHIBITING GOVERNMENT FROM TAKING OWNERSHIP OF PRIVATE  
11 SECTOR ENTERPRISE AND PROVIDING FOR THE PRESENCE OF "GOD" IN THE PUBLIC  
12 DOMAIN, AND URGING THE SEVERAL STATES TO ADOPT SIMILAR RESOLUTIONS.  
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14 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

15 WHEREAS, the scope of power defined by the Tenth Amendment means that  
16 the federal government was created by the states specifically to be an agent  
17 of the states; and

18 WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Legislature of the state of Idaho, that  
19 Congress adopt laws consistent with the findings hereinafter described; and

20 WHEREAS, in regard to a Balanced Federal Budget and the incurrence  
21 of debt, the annual expenditures of the Congress should not exceed the  
22 annual revenue for any year, save for the use of monetary reserves, and that  
23 Congress should not borrow from any source, including its own funds and  
24 trusts, for any expense, except for the extraordinary costs of a declared war  
25 or armed conflict; and

26 WHEREAS, in regard to Paying of the Public Debt, that all Public Debt of  
27 the United States should be extinguished within 55 years of the approval of  
28 this resolution; and

29 WHEREAS, in regard to Government Transparency and Congressional Proce-  
30 dures, all bills, orders and resolutions passed by the Congress should be  
31 limited to a single topic; and

32 -- After all floor amendments, no bill should be voted upon by either  
33 body of Congress unless and until it has been published for general pub-  
34 lic review for at least five days, save a Declaration of War; and

35 WHEREAS, in regard to maintaining the United States as an Eng-  
36 lish-Speaking Nation, the English language should be the exclusive language  
37 for the affairs of government and the formal language for business; and

38 -- No business, individual, or government should suffer any penalty for  
39 requiring the usage of the English language exclusively in its affairs,  
40 nor should be liable for not speaking another language; and

41 WHEREAS, Congress should prevent foreign entities, including the  
42 United Nations, from having authority over activities within the United  
43 States; and

1           -- For any domestic issue, no court should consider or use as precedent  
2           any foreign or international law, regulation, or court decision; and  
3           WHEREAS, in regard to restraining the growth of the federal government,  
4           preventing unfunded mandates and prohibiting government from taking owner-  
5           ship of private sector enterprise, judicial interpretation of the division  
6           and the limits of power contained in the Tenth Amendment should lean to the  
7           side of the states or the people with the powers granted to the United States  
8           in Section 8 of Article I being limited and narrowly interpreted. The behav-  
9           ior of courts that do not honor this provision should be brought to question  
10          by Congress; and

11          -- The United States should not nationalize any industry save during the  
12          time of declared war, after which control should revert to the private  
13          sector. Should the United States gain controlling interest in a private  
14          sector enterprise through default or by other means, the United States  
15          should divest itself of such interest in an orderly manner; and

16          WHEREAS, in regard to providing for the presence of "God" in the pub-  
17          lic domain, no religious organization should be discriminated against by any  
18          government. As a tribute to that which has endowed us with our rights and  
19          provided a moral compass for us to follow, the phrase "In God We Trust" should  
20          appear on all coin and currency and references to God should be welcome in all  
21          public places and public verse, including the display of historic symbols,  
22          which provided the foundation for the modern-day law in the United States.

23          NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular  
24          Session of the Sixtieth Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and  
25          the Senate concurring therein, that the Legislature submits this Concurrent  
26          Resolution to the several states of the United States and that the several  
27          states are urged to approve, on or before March 1, 2010, a like or similar  
28          resolution as herein approved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho.

29          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Congress is urged to pass legislation imple-  
30          menting the findings provided for in this Concurrent Resolution, including  
31          those findings relating to a Balanced Federal Budget, extinguishing the  
32          Public Debt, Government Transparency, maintaining an English-Speaking  
33          Nation, preventing foreign entities from having authority over activities  
34          within the United States, restraining the growth of the federal government,  
35          preventing unfunded mandates, and prohibiting government from taking owner-  
36          ship of private sector enterprise, and providing for the presence of "God"  
37          in the public domain.

38          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Clerk of the House of Representa-  
39          tives be, and is hereby directed to forward copies of this resolution to the  
40          Secretary of State and presiding officers of both Houses of the Legislatures  
41          of each of the other States in the Union, the Speaker of the United States  
42          House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, and the  
43          members of the congress of the United States representing the state of Idaho.