

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18

BY WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 STATING LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND MAKING A FORMAL APPLICATION TO CONGRESS TO  
3 CALL A CONVENTION FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF PROPOSING FOR RATIFICATION AN  
4 AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION THAT REQUIRES A BALANCED FEDERAL BUDGET.

5 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

6 WHEREAS, Article V of the Constitution of the United States mandates  
7 that upon the "Application of the Legislatures of two thirds of the several  
8 States" Congress shall "call a Convention for proposing Amendments"; and

9 WHEREAS, the legislature deems an amendment to the United States re-  
10 quiring a balanced federal budget is necessary for the good of the American  
11 people.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Ses-  
13 sion of the Sixty-third Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and  
14 the Senate concurring therein, that the Legislature of the State of Idaho  
15 hereby applies to Congress, under the provisions of Article V of the Consti-  
16 tution of the United States, for the calling of a convention of the states  
17 limited to proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States  
18 requiring that in the absence of a national emergency the total of all Fed-  
19 eral appropriations made by the Congress for any fiscal year may not exceed  
20 the total of all estimated Federal revenues for that fiscal year, together  
21 with any related and appropriate fiscal restraints.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Secretary of State of the State of Idaho is  
23 hereby directed to transmit copies of this application to the President and  
24 Secretary of the Senate and to the Speaker and Clerk of the House of Rep-  
25 resentatives of the Congress, and copies to the members of the said Senate  
26 and House of Representatives from this State; also to transmit copies hereof  
27 to the presiding officers of each of the legislative houses in the several  
28 States, requesting their cooperation.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this application is to be considered as covering  
30 the balanced budget amendment language of the presently outstanding bal-  
31 anced budget applications from other states, including but not limited to  
32 previously-adopted applications from Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Colorado,  
33 Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland,  
34 Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mex-  
35 ico, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and Texas; and this  
36 application shall be aggregated with same for the purpose of attaining the  
37 two-thirds of states necessary to require the calling of a convention for  
38 proposing a balanced budget amendment, but shall not be aggregated with any  
39 applications on any other subject.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this application constitutes a continuing appli-  
41 cation in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States  
42 until the legislatures of at least two-thirds of the several states have made

1 applications on the same subject. It supersedes all previous applications  
2 by this legislature on the same subject.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the  
4 Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr., Vice President of the United States and  
5 President of the U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.; the Honorable John Boehner,  
6 Speaker of the House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.; to each member of  
7 the United States Senate and House of Representatives from Idaho; and to the  
8 Archivist of the United States.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution also be sent to  
10 the presiding officers of the other state legislative bodies in the United  
11 States, with the request that the other states join Idaho in applying to Con-  
12 gress to call a convention of the states for the limited purpose proposed in  
13 this resolution.