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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

Relating to an amendment to the Constitution of the United States which would require that total federal appropriations not exceed total estimated federal revenues in a fiscal year in the absence of a national emergency.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS annually the United States moves more deeply in debt as its expenditures exceed its available revenues and the public debt now exceeds hundreds of billions of dollars; and

WHEREAS annually the federal budget demonstrates the unwillingness or inability of the federal government to spend in conformity with available revenues; and

WHEREAS proper planning, fiscal prudence and plain good sense require that the federal budget be in balance absent national emergency; and

WHEREAS a continuously unbalanced federal budget except in a national emergency causes continuous and damaging inflation and consequently a severe threat to the political and economic stability of the United States; and

WHEREAS, under Article V of the Constitution of the United States, amendments to the Constitution may be proposed by Congress or, on the application of the legislatures of two-thirds of the states, Congress shall call a constitutional convention for the purpose of proposing amendments;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Congress of the United States is requested to propose and submit to the states an amendment

1 to the Constitution of the United States which would require that within five
2 years after its ratification by the various states, in the absence of a
3 national emergency, the total of all appropriations made by Congress for a
4 fiscal year shall not exceed the total of all estimated federal revenues for
5 that fiscal year; and be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED that, alternatively, the Congress of the United States
7 call a convention for the sole and exclusive purpose of proposing an amend-
8 ment to the Constitution of the United States which would require that, in
9 the absence of a national emergency, the total of all appropriations made by
10 Congress for a fiscal year shall not exceed the total of all estimated fed-
11 eral revenues for that fiscal year; and be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED that if Congress proposes such an amendment to the
13 Constitution this application shall no longer be of any force or effect.

14 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Secretary of the United
15 States Senate; the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives; to
16 the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and
17 the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delega-
18 tion in Congress.

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