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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 30 (Judiciary)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to an amendment to the Con-  
6 stitution of the United States which  
7 would require that total federal  
8 appropriations not exceed total  
9 estimated federal revenues in a  
10 fiscal year in the absence of a  
11 national emergency.

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

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

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

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

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

24 WHEREAS, under Article V of the Constitution of the United States,  
25 amendments to the Constitution may be proposed by Congress;

26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Congress of the  
27 United States is requested to propose and submit to the states an amendment  
28 to the Constitution of the United States which would require that within  
29 four years after its ratification by the various states, in the absence of a

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1 national emergency, the total of all appropriations made by Congress for a  
2 fiscal year shall not exceed the total of all estimated federal revenues for  
3 that fiscal year.

4 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Secretary of the United  
5 States Senate; the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives; the  
6 Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U. S. Senators, and  
7 the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delega-  
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