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To petition the States to convene a Conference of the States to consider
a Balanced Budget Amendment to the Constitution.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 2 (legislative day, FEBRUARY 22), 1995

Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. HELMS) submitted the following resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

To petition the States to convene a Conference of the States
to consider a Balanced Budget Amendment to the Con-
stitution.

Whereas Article I of the Constitution of the United States of
America provides that the Congress is vested with the au-
thority to lay and collect taxes, to pay the debts of the
United States, to borrow money on the credit of the
United States, and to appropriate money from the Treas-
ury;

Whereas for the past quarter century Congress has been un-
able to balance the Nation's budget in any year;

Whereas the President of the United States has submitted a
budget which increases the deficit in future years;

Whereas Members of Congress have been unable to agree on language for an Amendment to the Constitution which would require a balanced budget; and

Whereas Congress has therefore attempted to deny the several States of the United States the opportunity to vote on a Constitutional Amendment requiring a balanced budget: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That Congress hereby petitions the several
2 States of the United States of America to convene a Con-
3 ference of the States for the express and exclusive purpose
4 of drafting an Amendment to the Constitution of the
5 United States requiring a balanced budget and prohibiting
6 the imposition of unfunded mandates on the States, and
7 that such States then consider whether it is necessary for
8 the States to convene a Constitutional Convention pursu-
9 ant to Article V of the Constitution of the United States
10 in order to adopt such Amendment.

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