



**ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,
TO 1995 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 7**

January 17, 1995 - Representatives GREEN, FREESE, LEHMAN, LAZICH and VRAKAS.

1 **Relating to:** requesting to propose an amendment to the federal constitution to
2 require, with certain exceptions, that the total of all federal appropriations may
3 not exceed the total of all estimated federal revenues in any fiscal year and
4 demanding that congress, in balancing the federal budget, not impose new
5 unfunded mandates on the states.

6 Whereas, with each passing year this nation becomes more deeply in debt as its
7 expenditures grossly and repeatedly exceed available revenues, so that the public
8 debt now exceeds hundreds of billions of dollars.

9 The annual federal budget continually demonstrates an unwillingness or
10 inability of both the legislative and executive branches of the federal government to
11 curtail spending to conform to available revenues.

12 Unified budgets do not reflect actual spending because of the exclusion of
13 special outlays which are not included in the budget nor subject to the legal public
14 debt limit.

15 Knowledgeable planning, fiscal prudence and plain good sense require that the
16 budget reflect all federal spending and be in balance.

1 Believing that fiscal irresponsibility at the federal level, with the inflation
2 which results from this policy, is the greatest threat which faces our nation, we firmly
3 believe that constitutional restraint is necessary to bring the fiscal discipline needed
4 to restore financial responsibility.

5 Under article V of the constitution of the United States, amendments to the
6 federal constitution may be proposed by the congress whenever two-thirds of both
7 houses deem it necessary. We believe such action vital.

8 ***Now, therefore, be it resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring,***
9 ***That*** the legislature of the state of Wisconsin proposes to the congress of the United
10 States that procedures be instituted in the congress to add a new article to the
11 constitution of the United States, and that the state of Wisconsin requests the
12 congress to prepare and submit to the several states an amendment to the
13 constitution of the United States, requiring in the absence of a national emergency
14 that the total of all federal appropriations made by the congress for any fiscal year
15 may not exceed the total of all estimated federal revenues for that fiscal year; and,
16 be it further

17 ***Resolved, That*** the legislature of the state of Wisconsin also proposes that the
18 legislatures of each of the several states comprising the United States apply to the
19 congress requesting the enactment of an appropriate amendment to the federal
20 constitution; and, be it further

21 ***Resolved, That*** the legislature of the state of Wisconsin demands that
22 congress, in balancing the federal budget, not impose new unfunded federal
23 mandates on the states; and, be it further

24 ***Resolved, That*** a duly attested copy of this joint resolution be immediately
25 transmitted to the president and secretary of the senate of the United States, to the

1 speaker and clerk of the house of representatives of the United States, and to each
2 member of the congressional delegation from this state, attesting the adoption of this
3 joint resolution by the 1995 legislature of the state of Wisconsin.

4 (END)