



1997 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 111

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1 **Relating to:** memorializing the Congress of the United States to enact legislation
2 that will sunset the Internal Revenue Code by December 31, 2000, and to enact
3 a replacement tax code for the American people.

4 Whereas, the current Internal Revenue Code contains 7,000,000 words,
5 compared to Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, of 269, and the Declaration of
6 Independence, of 1,337 words; and

7 Whereas, the Internal Revenue Service's "simplest" return, the EZform 1040,
8 has 33 pages of instructions, and form 1040 has 76 pages of instructions; and

9 Whereas, individual taxpayers will spend 1.7 billion hours, and American
10 businesses will spend 3.4 billion hours, each year trying to comply with the tax code,
11 which is equivalent to a staff of 3,000,000 people working full-time, year-round, just
12 on taxes; and

13 Whereas, taxes are too high, but any steps to lower taxes by modifying the
14 existing tax code could make it even longer and more confusing, as demonstrated by

1 the recent balanced budget act, which added 80-plus pages to the Internal Revenue
2 Code; and

3 Whereas, it is prudent to replace the Internal Revenue Code with a new tax
4 code, and December 31, 2000, is a reasonable deadline for that project; now,
5 therefore, be it

6 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the members of the
7 Wisconsin legislature request the Congress of the United States to enact legislation
8 that will abolish the Internal Revenue Code by December 31, 2000, and replace it
9 with a new method of taxation that will lower taxes to create job opportunities, foster
10 growth by encouraging work and savings, be fair to all taxpayers, be simple enough
11 for all taxpayers to understand, be neutral, without social engineering, allowing
12 people, not government, to make choices, be visible, without hidden taxes, so that
13 people will know the cost of government and be stable so that people can plan for the
14 future; and, be it further

15 ***Resolved, That*** the assembly chief clerk shall provide copies of this joint
16 resolution to the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of
17 representatives of the United States and to each of the senators and representatives
18 from Wisconsin.

19 (END)