

PExon	Kassebaum	Reid
Faircloth	Kempthorne	Robb
Frist	Kerrey	Roth
Gorton	Kohl	Santorum
Graham	Kyl	Shelby
Gramm	Lieberman	Simon
Grams	Lott	Simpson
Grassley	Lugar	Smith
Gregg	Mack	Snowe
Harkin	McCain	Specter
Hatch	McConnell	Stevens
Hatfield	Moseley-Braun	Thomas
Heflin	Murkowski	Thompson
Helms	Nickles	Thurmond
Hutchison	Numm	Warner
Inhofe	Packwood	
Jeffords	Pressler	

## NAYS—28

Akaka	Feinstein	Levin
Bingaman	Ford	Mikulski
Boxer	Glenn	Murray
Breaux	Hollings	Pell
Bumpers	Inouye	Pryor
Byrd	Johnston	Rockefeller
Conrad	Kennedy	Sarbanes
Daschle	Kerry	Wellstone
Dorgan	Lautenberg	
Feingold	Leahy	

## NOT VOTING—2

Bradley Moynihan

So the motion to lay on the table the amendment (No. 240) was agreed to.

Mr. HOLLINGS addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from South Carolina.

## AMENDMENT NO. 241

(Purpose: Proposing an amendment to the Constitution relative to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections for Federal, State, and local office)

Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, I send an amendment to the desk on behalf of myself and the senior Senator from Pennsylvania, and I ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from South Carolina [Mr. HOLLINGS], for himself, and Mr. SPECTER, proposes an amendment numbered 241.

The amendment is as follows:

On page 1, beginning on line 3, strike "That the" and all that follows through line 9, and insert the following: "that the following articles are proposed as amendments to the Constitution, all or any of which articles, when ratified by three-fourths of the legislatures, shall be valid, to all intents and purposes, as part of the Constitution:".

On page 3, immediately after line 11, insert the following:

## "ARTICLE—

"SECTION. 1. Congress shall have power to set reasonable limits on expenditures made in support of or in opposition to the nomination or election of any person to Federal office.

"SECTION. 2. Each State shall have power to set reasonable limits on expenditures made in support of or in opposition to the nomination or election of any person to State office.

"SECTION. 3. Each local government of general jurisdiction shall have power to set reasonable limits on expenditures made in support of or in opposition to the nomination or election of any person to office in that government. No State shall have power to limit the power established by this section.

"SECTION. 4. Congress shall have power to implement and enforce this article by appropriate legislation."

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Senator from Texas is recognized.

Mrs. HUTCHISON. I thank the Chair.

(The remarks of Mrs. HUTCHISON pertaining to the introduction of S. 400 are located in today's RECORD under "Statements on Introduced Bills and Joint Resolutions.")

## UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Feingold amendment be the next amendment and that the pending Feingold motion be limited to the following time prior to a motion to table and that no amendments be in order prior to the motion to table: It will be 60 minutes under the control of Senator FEINGOLD and 30 minutes under the control of Senator HATCH. I further ask that following the conclusion or yielding back of time, the majority leader or his designee be recognized to make a motion to table the Feingold motion.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that immediately following the disposition of the Feingold amendment vote, the Hollings amendment No. 241 become the then-pending amendment; that it be limited to the following time prior to a motion to table, and that no amendments be in order prior to the motion to table: 60 minutes under the control of the distinguished Senator from South Carolina; 30 minutes under the control of Senator HATCH. I further ask that following the conclusion or yielding back of time, the majority leader or his designee be recognized to make a motion to table the Hollings amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. DORGAN. Reserving the right to object, and I will not object to the request, but it is my understanding that the unanimous-consent agreement would lead to two votes, the last of which would occur somewhere around 7:30 or 7:45?

Mr. HATCH. The Senator is correct. There would be two amendments pursuant to these unanimous-consent requests. Both will be 1½ hour in length with a motion to table and votes following.

Mr. DORGAN. Will those be the last votes today?

Mr. HATCH. Not necessarily. I have no knowledge about where we go from there.

Mr. DORGAN. Those two votes will occur consecutively?

Mr. HATCH. No. They will occur at the conclusion of each 1½ hours of debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

## MOTION TO REFER

Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, on behalf of myself, Senators BUMPERS, ROBB, MURRAY, HOLLINGS, MOSELEY-BRAUN, EXON, and WELLSTONE, I send a motion to the desk to refer House Joint Resolution 1 to the Budget Committee with instructions to report back forthwith and ask that it be immediately considered.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the motion.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD], for himself, Mr. BUMPERS, Mr. ROBB, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. HOLLINGS, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, Mr. EXON, and Mr. WELLSTONE, proposes a motion to refer.

Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that reading of the motion be dispensed with.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The motion is as follows:

On behalf of myself and Senators Bumpers, Robb, Murray, Hollings, Moseley-Braun, Exon, and Wellstone, I move to refer House Joint Resolution 1 to the Budget Committee with instructions to report back forthwith House Joint Resolution 1 in status quo and at the earliest date possible to issue a report, the text of which shall be the following:

"The Committee finds that—

(1) the Congress is considering a proposed amendment to the Constitution to require a balanced budget;

(2) the Federal budget according to the most recent estimates of the Congressional Budget Office continues to be in deficit in excess of \$190 billion;

(3) continuing annual Federal budget deficits add to the Federal debt which is projected to soon exceed \$5 trillion;

(4) continuing Federal budget deficits and growing Federal debt reduce savings and capital formation;

(5) continuing Federal budget deficits contribute to a higher level of interest rates than would otherwise occur, raising capital costs and curtailing total investment;

(6) continuing Federal budget deficits also contribute to significant trade deficits and dependence on foreign capital;

(7) the Federal debt that results from persistent Federal deficits transfers a potentially crushing burden to future generations, making their living standards lower than they otherwise would have been;

(8) during the 103rd Congress, the annual Federal deficit declined for two years in a row for the first time in two decades and is projected to decline for a third year in a row;

(9) the progress in reducing the Federal deficit achieved during the 103rd Congress could be reversed by enacting across-the-board or so-called middle class tax cut measures proposed in the 104th Congress;

(10) enacting such tax cuts is inconsistent with and contrary to efforts being made to achieve further Federal deficit reduction during the 104th Congress and the goal of achieving a balanced budget; and

(11) It is the Sense of the Committee that reducing the Federal deficit should be one of the nation's highest priorities, that enacting