

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 26

WHEREAS, on September 8, 2011, President Obama addressed Congress to propose a 447 billion dollar plan to address unemployment, known as the American Jobs Act; and

WHEREAS, in this speech President Obama proposed providing billions of dollars in stimulus funding to state governments without specifying how he intends to pay for the new spending in his proposal; and

WHEREAS, this stimulus funding may be tied to federal mandates and commit the states to spending taxpayer money on policies that the citizens of Missouri oppose; and

WHEREAS, previous federal spending plans intended to stimulate the economy included provisions that committed the states to spending funds after the federal funds ceased; and

WHEREAS, the states need the flexibility to make their own budget decisions, without being penalized by the federal government and without being forced to pay back funds that the states did not choose to take:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-sixth General Assembly, First Extraordinary Session, believe that the states should have flexibility in making their own budget decisions, and urge the United States Congress, if it adopts the American Jobs Act, to include a provision allowing the states to opt out of the stimulus provisions of the American Jobs Act without being penalized and without being forced to pay back funds that the states did not choose to take; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Missouri Senate be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for each member of Missouri's congressional delegation.

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