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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 8, 2011

Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. COATS, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr.
THUNE, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr.
ENZI, Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. CORKER, Mr.
MANCHIN, and Mr. MERKLEY) submitted the following resolution; which
was referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration

MARCH 16, 2011

Committee discharged; considered and agreed to

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RESOLUTION

To express the sense of the Senate in support of reducing
its budget by at least 5 percent.

Whereas, the current level Federal spending is unsustainable
and action to reverse this course should not be delayed;

Whereas, in 2010, Federal spending was nearly 24 percent
of the value of all the goods and services produced in the
United States;

Whereas, the Federal deficit was over $1 trillion in fiscal year
2010;

Whereas, Federal spending is at its highest percentage since
World War II;

Whereas, the Congressional Budget Office estimates if the United States maintains its current track of Federal spending, the Federal debt would reach 90 percent of the value of all the goods and services produced in the United States by 2020;

Whereas, the national debt exceeds $13.9 trillion dollars;

Whereas, the United States borrows $44,000 for every person in the country;

Whereas, the unemployment rate was 9.8 percent in December;

Whereas, the American people have responded to the economic downturn by making hard choices and trimming their family budgets;

Whereas, spending in the legislative branch rose nearly 50 percent over the last 10 years; and

Whereas, in order to address the Nation's fiscal crisis, the Senate should lead by example and reduce its own legislative budget: Now, therefore, be it

1   *Resolved,* That it is the sense of the Senate that it

2 should lead by example and reduce the budget of the Sen-

3 ate by at least 5 percent.

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