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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on State and Local Government Operations Reform,
Technology and Elections

1.1 A resolution
1.2 memorializing the President and Congress to reduce the amount of proposed debt
1.3 in the federal stimulus package.

1.4 WHEREAS, the federal stimulus package as passed force-feeds more consumer spending
1.5 and debt into an economy already suffering from an excess of both; and

1.6 WHEREAS, the package tests the limits of global markets' ability to absorb United States
1.7 government debt by piling an \$800 billion debt on top of more than \$1 trillion in new obligations
1.8 already scheduled this year; and

1.9 WHEREAS, the massive amount of government spending in the bill as passed will crowd
1.10 out private investment, which is critical to job creation; and

1.11 WHEREAS, the stimulus package includes spending that does little to create jobs; and

1.12 WHEREAS, the citizens of Minnesota believe in individual liberty and therefore also in
1.13 personal responsibility; and

1.14 WHEREAS, to saddle Minnesotans' children and grandchildren with a crushing debt
1.15 because their legislators were too timid to do the right thing would be a dismal legacy, one in
1.16 which Minnesota's elected representatives should refuse to participate; NOW, THEREFORE,

1.17 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that it urges the President
1.18 and the Congress of the United States to reduce the amount proposed to be borrowed under
1.19 the terms of the federal stimulus package by the amount that would be allotted to the State of
1.20 Minnesota.

2.1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such a reduction will enable Minnesotans to preserve
2.2 their pride, honor, and dignity.

2.3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota is
2.4 directed to prepare copies of this memorial and transmit them to the President of the United States,
2.5 the President and the Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and the Clerk of the United
2.6 States House of Representatives, and Minnesota's Senators and Representatives in Congress.