

SENATE RESOLUTION *169*

BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

A Senate resolution pledging that the Senate will not raise taxes in order to balance the state budget for fiscal year 2004.

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WHEREAS, Some outside of state government are now calling on the state legislature to raise taxes; and

WHEREAS, Iowans already pay too much in taxes, despite several tax cuts; and

WHEREAS, Iowans pay an average tax bill above the national average; and

WHEREAS, several states bordering Iowa pay significantly lower rates of taxes; and

WHEREAS, The prospect of coming to an agreement for a budget for fiscal year 2004 looms as a very difficult task; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate pledges to find a solution to a balanced budget for the fiscal year 2004 without resorting to raising taxes.

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Approved by Introduction  
SENATE LEGAL COUNSEL

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1 Amend Senate Resolution 169 as follows:  
 2 1. Page 1, line 4, by inserting after the word  
 3 "taxes" the following: "if further action is needed  
 4 on the budget for fiscal year 2003 or".  
 5 2. Page 1, line 26, by striking the words and  
 6 figure "the fiscal year 2004" and inserting the  
 7 following: "fiscal years 2003 and 2004".

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30 (AS AMENDED AND PASSED BY THE SENATE MAY 28, 2002)

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