

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1620

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1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION recognizing the seriousness of the
2 national debt and the threat to national security that such debt poses.
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4 WHEREAS, In March 2025, the outstanding public debt of the United
5 States totaled more than \$36 trillion, with public debt equaling 124%
6 of gross domestic product and the debt owed per citizen rising to
7 \$107,000; and
8 WHEREAS, More than \$8 trillion of the federal debt is owned by
9 individuals not located in the United States, including more than \$800
10 billion owned by individuals in China; and
11 WHEREAS, In fiscal year 2024, the United States had a deficit of over
12 \$1 trillion after the United States Congress failed to pass a balanced
13 budget and federal tax receipts totaled \$5 trillion, short of the federal
14 outlays totaling \$6.75 trillion; and
15 WHEREAS, The Social Security and Medicare Boards of Trustees
16 project that the Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the
17 Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund will be fully depleted in 2033
18 and 2036; and
19 WHEREAS, Improvements in the business climate in populous countries
20 and aging populations around the world will likely contribute to
21 higher global interest rates, which would squeeze all United States
22 policy priorities, including defense and foreign policy; and
23 WHEREAS, On September 22, 2011, former Chairman of the Joint
24 Chiefs of Staff Michael Mullen warned, "the single, biggest threat to
25 our national security is debt"; and
26 WHEREAS, On March 6, 2018, then Director of National Intelligence
27 Dan Coats warned, "Our continued plunge into debt is unsustainable
28 and represents a dire future threat to our economy and to our national
29 security"; and
30 WHEREAS, The last federal budget surplus occurred in 2001 and the
31 continued rise in the national debt is a major concern to the state of
32 Kansas and the country: Now, therefore,
33 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas, the House of*
34 *Representatives concurring therein:* That the state of Kansas
35 recognizes that the national debt is a threat to the national security of

1 the United States and urges the United States Congress to commit to
2 establishing an effective regular order for budgeting; and

3 *Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate shall send an
4 enrolled copy of this resolution to each member of Kansas's
5 congressional delegation.

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