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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-one.

RESOLUTIONS MEMORIALIZING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
TO ENACT A "JOBS WITH PEACE AND FREEDOM" BUDGET.

WHEREAS, Federal spending is one of the most inflationary of all activities; and

WHEREAS, A majority of voters in four senatorial districts voted in favor of a "Jobs With Peace" resolution; and

WHEREAS, One hundred and ninety-nine thousand Massachusetts citizens were jobless as of November, nineteen hundred and eighty, with unemployment in excess of twenty-five percent in certain inner-city areas; and

WHEREAS, The Massachusetts public is frustrated by the burden of taxation as evidenced by the passage of proposition 2 $\frac{1}{2}$; and

WHEREAS, The average Massachusetts family paid two thousand seven hundred and seventy dollars in taxes for military goods and services last year; and

WHEREAS, The Soviet Union has vastly increased military spending in the past decade, has invaded Afghanistan, and is threatening Poland and the United States allies in the Middle East to whom we have commitment, such as Israel; and

WHEREAS, The freedom of the United States and the peace of the world require a strong, balanced response to this buildup; and

WHEREAS, Many experts believe that much United States military spending is wasted on bureaucracy or on weapons systems which are too technical to function well under field conditions; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Massachusetts General Court urges President Ronald Reagan and the Congress of The United States to cease unnecessary spending both in the military and civilian sectors, to hold the military budget under the same gross national product percentage as the Soviet Union spends, to eliminate bureaucracy and inefficiency in the military while increasing military combat readiness along the lines covered in the United States Senator Gary Hart's white paper of nineteen hundred and seventy-eight, and to provide a strong enough military to guarantee the security, freedom and peace of the United States and allies such as Israel; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted forthwith by the clerk of the Senate to the President of The United States, the presiding officer of each branch of congress and to the members thereof from this commonwealth.