

Assembly Joint Resolution

No. 4

Introduced by Assembly Members Bass and Evans

January 30, 2009

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 4—Relative to Economic Stimulus Funds.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AJR 4, as introduced, Bass. American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

This measure would memorialize the President and the Congress of the United States to enact the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, which would make supplemental appropriations for job preservation and creation, infrastructure investment, energy efficiency and science, assistance to the unemployed, and state and local fiscal stabilization.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The economy of the State of California and the
2 entire United States is in a crisis with credit virtually frozen;
3 consumer purchasing power in decline; businesses, small and large,
4 facing unprecedented challenges; millions of jobs lost nationwide
5 in the past four months; and California's unemployment rate
6 currently exceeding 9 percent and rising; and
7 WHEREAS, In order to prevent the loss of millions of jobs
8 nationwide and to get the nation's economy moving again,
9 President Barack Obama and the 111th Congress are currently
10 working on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009,
11 which would make supplemental appropriations for job

1 preservation and creation, infrastructure investment, energy
2 efficiency and science, assistance to the unemployed, and state
3 and local fiscal stabilization, among other purposes; and

4 WHEREAS, The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of
5 2009 would target investments in key areas that will create and
6 preserve good jobs at the same time as it strengthens the ability of
7 the economy to become more efficient and produce more
8 opportunities for employment; and

9 WHEREAS, It targets job creation assistance to the areas in our
10 state with the highest unemployment, such as the Counties of San
11 Joaquin (13 percent), Fresno (13.2 percent), Sutter (15 percent),
12 Colusa (21.6 percent), and Imperial (22.6 percent); and

13 WHEREAS, It would create jobs through infrastructure
14 investments to modernize roads, bridges, public transit, and
15 waterways; and

16 WHEREAS, California has identified \$44 billion in ready-to-go
17 infrastructure projects; including roads, public transit, and rail
18 construction; water and sewer projects; school construction, career
19 technical education, and broadband projects; and airport, park, and
20 public safety projects that would benefit from the economic
21 stimulus funds and generate approximately 800,000 California
22 jobs over the life of these projects; and

23 WHEREAS, It would promote efforts directed at redoubling
24 renewable energy production and renovating public buildings to
25 make them more energy efficient; and

26 WHEREAS, It would transform our economy with science and
27 technology investments by putting scientists to work looking for
28 the next great discovery, thereby creating jobs that will help
29 businesses in every community succeed in a global economy; and

30 WHEREAS, It would make education system investments to
31 create 21st century classrooms, laboratories, and libraries, helping
32 our nation's students to compete with any worker in the world;
33 and

34 WHEREAS, It would help struggling families make ends meet
35 by increasing food stamp and unemployment insurance benefits;
36 and

37 WHEREAS, It would provide fiscal relief to states so that they
38 can continue to provide vital public safety, education, health care,
39 and other services; now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of*
2 *California, jointly,* That the Legislature of the State of California
3 supports the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
4 and respectfully memorializes the Congress of the United States
5 to promptly pass and President Barack Obama to sign that
6 legislation; and be it further
7 *Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
8 of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United
9 States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Majority
10 Leader of the Senate, and to each Senator and Representative from
11 California in the Congress of the United States.