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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009—10 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Joint Resolution

No. 4

Introduced by Assembly Members Bass and Evans

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AJR 4, as amended, 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;

1 consumer purchasing power in decline; businesses, small and large,
2 facing unprecedented challenges; millions of jobs lost nationwide
3 in the past four months; and California's unemployment rate
4 currently exceeding 9 percent and rising; and

5 WHEREAS, In order to prevent the loss of millions of jobs
6 nationwide and to get the nation's economy moving again,
7 President Barack Obama and the 111th Congress are currently
8 working on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009,
9 which would make supplemental appropriations for job
10 preservation and creation, infrastructure investment, energy
11 efficiency and science, assistance to the unemployed, and state
12 and local fiscal stabilization, among other purposes; and

13 WHEREAS, The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of
14 2009 would target investments in key areas that will create and
15 preserve good jobs at the same time as it strengthens the ability of
16 the economy to become more efficient and produce more
17 opportunities for employment; and

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

22 WHEREAS, It would create jobs through infrastructure
23 investments to modernize roads, bridges, public transit, and
24 waterways; and

25 WHEREAS, California has identified \$44 billion in ready-to-go
26 infrastructure projects; including roads, public transit, and rail
27 construction; water and sewer projects; school construction, career
28 technical education, and broadband projects; and airport, park, and
29 public safety projects that would benefit from the economic
30 stimulus funds and generate approximately 800,000 California
31 jobs over the life of these projects; and

32 WHEREAS, It would promote efforts directed at redoubling
33 renewable energy production and renovating public buildings to
34 make them more energy efficient; and

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

39 WHEREAS, It would make education system investments to
40 create 21st century classrooms, laboratories, and libraries, helping

1 our nation's students to compete with any worker in the world;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, It would help struggling families make ends meet
4 by increasing food stamp and unemployment insurance benefits;
5 and

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

9 *Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of*
10 *California, jointly*, That the Legislature of the State of California
11 supports the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
12 and respectfully memorializes the Congress of the United States
13 to promptly pass and President Barack Obama to sign that
14 legislation; and be it further

15 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
16 of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United
17 States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Majority
18 Leader of the Senate, and to each Senator and Representative from
19 California in the Congress of the United States.