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H. J. RES. 167

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to provide
for balanced budgets for the United States Government.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DOOLITTLE (for himself, Mr. CONDIT, Mr. COBLE, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. BAKER of Louisiana, Mr. BAKER of California, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. SENBRENNER, Mr. ARMEY, Mr. ROHRBACHER, Mr. PAXON, Mr. KLUG, Mr. ZELIFF, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. POMBO, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. KIM, Mrs. VUCANOVICH, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. GILCHREST, Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina, Mr. HOBSON, Mr. GOSS, Mr. MCINNIS, Mr. BUYER, Mr. LIVINGSTON, Mr. CRANE, Mr. PACKARD, Mr. DELAY, Mr. DICKEY, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. EWING, Mr. FAWELL, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. STUMP, Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. SUNDQUIST, Mr. TORKILDSSEN, Mr. UPTON, Mr. ZIMMER, Mr. LEWIS of Florida, Mr. FRANKS of Connecticut, Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey, Mrs. FOWLER, Mr. GALLO, Mr. GEKAS, Mr. GILLMOR, Mr. GINGRICH, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. GREENWOOD, Mr. HANCOCK, Mr. HANSEN, Mr. HASTERT, Mr. HEFLEY, Mr. HERGER, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. HOKE, Mr. HORN, Mr. HUFFINGTON, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. HYDE, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISTOOK, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, and Mr. KASICH) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United

States to provide for balanced budgets for the United States Government.

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled*
3 *(two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the fol-*
4 lowing article is proposed as an amendment to the Con-
5 stitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all
6 intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when
7 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several
8 States within seven years after the date of its submission
9 for ratification:

10 “ARTICLE —

11 “SECTION 1. Total outlays of the United States for
12 any fiscal year shall not exceed total receipts to the United
13 States for that year, unless $\frac{3}{5}$ of the whole number of
14 both Houses of Congress shall provide for a specific excess
15 of outlays over receipts.

16 “SECTION 2. Any bill for raising taxes shall become
17 law only if approved by a majority of the whole number
18 of both Houses of Congress by rollcall vote.

19 “SECTION 3. The Congress may waive the provisions
20 of this article for any fiscal year in which a declaration
21 of war is in effect.

22 “SECTION 4. Total receipts shall include all receipts
23 of the United States except those derived from borrowing.

1 Total outlays shall include all outlays of the United States
2 except for those for repayment of debt principal.

3 “SECTION 5. The limit on the debt of the United
4 States held by the public shall not be increased unless $\frac{3}{5}$
5 of the whole number of each House shall provide by law
6 for such an increase by a rollcall vote.

7 “SECTION 6. Congress shall enforce this Article by
8 appropriate legislation.

9 “SECTION 7. Except with respect to section 5 which
10 shall take effect upon ratification, this Article shall take
11 effect beginning with fiscal year 1998 or with the second
12 fiscal year beginning after the ratification, whichever is
13 later.”.

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