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Proposing a Balanced Budget Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

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Mr. BARTON of Texas (for himself, Mr. TAUZIN, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. ARCHER, Mr. ARMEY, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. BLILEY, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. COBLE, Mr. COX, Mr. CRANE, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. EMERSON, Mr. EWING, Ms. FOWLER, Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. GALLO, Mr. GINGRICH, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. GOSS, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. HANCOCK, Mr. HANSEN, Mr. HASTERT, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. HYDE, Mr. ISTOOK, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. KASICH, Mr. KOLBE, Mr. LIGHTFOOT, Mr. LIVINGSTON, Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mr. MCCRERY, Mr. MOORHEAD, Mr. OXLEY, Mr. PACKARD, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. QUILLEN, Mr. RAMSTAD, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. SCHAEFER, Mr. SKEEN, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. SOLOMON, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. TALENT, Mr. UPTON, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. ZELIFF, Mr. ZIMMER, Mr. DELAY, Mr. COMBEST, Mrs. VUCANOVICH, Mr. FIELDS of Texas, Mr. BONILLA, Mr. FRANKS of Connecticut, Mr. HAYES, Mr. HERGER, Mr. PORTER, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. SMITH of Michigan, and Mr. HEFLEY) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing a Balanced Budget Amendment to the
Constitution of the United States.

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 That the following article is proposed as an amendment
2 to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be
3 valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitu-
4 tion if ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the
5 several States within seven years after its submission to
6 the States for ratification:

7 “ARTICLE —

8 “SECTION 1. Prior to each fiscal year, Congress shall
9 adopt a statement of receipts and outlays for such fiscal
10 year in which total outlays are not greater than total re-
11 ceipts. Congress may amend such statement provided re-
12 vised outlays are not greater than revised receipts. Con-
13 gress may provide in such statement for a specific excess
14 of outlays over receipts by a vote directed solely to that
15 subject in which three-fifths of the whole number of each
16 House agree to such excess. Congress and the President
17 shall ensure that actual outlays do not exceed the outlays
18 set forth in such statement.

19 “SECTION 2. Total receipts for any fiscal year set
20 forth in the statement adopted pursuant to the first sec-
21 tion of this Article shall not increase by a rate greater
22 than the rate of increase in national income in the second
23 prior fiscal year, unless a three-fifths majority of the whole
24 number of each House of Congress shall have passed a

1 bill directed solely to approving specific additional receipts
2 and such bill has become law.

3 “SECTION 3. Prior to each fiscal year, the President
4 shall transmit to Congress a proposed statement of re-
5 ceipts and outlays for such fiscal year consistent with the
6 provisions of this Article.

7 “SECTION 4. Congress may waive the provisions of
8 this Article for any fiscal year in which a declaration of
9 war is in effect.

10 “SECTION 5. Total receipts shall include all receipts
11 of the United States except those derived from borrowing
12 and total outlays shall include all outlays of the United
13 States except those for the repayment of debt principal.

14 “SECTION 6. The amount of Federal public debt as
15 of the first day of the second fiscal year beginning after
16 the ratification of this Article shall become a permanent
17 limit on such debt and there shall be no increase in such
18 amount unless three-fifths of the whole number of each
19 House of Congress shall have passed a bill approving such
20 increase and such bill has become law.

21 “SECTION 7. Congress shall enforce and implement
22 this Article by appropriate legislation.

23 “SECTION 8. This Article shall take effect for the fis-
24 cal year 1997 or for the second fiscal year beginning after
25 its ratification, whichever is later.”.

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