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Proposing an amendment to the Constitution to provide for a balanced budget for the United States Government and for greater accountability in the enactment of tax legislation.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. EMERSON introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

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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

1 United States Government for that fiscal year in which
2 total outlays do not exceed total receipts.

3 “SECTION 4. No bill to increase revenue shall become
4 law unless approved by a majority of the total membership
5 of each House by a rollcall vote.

6 “SECTION 5. The provisions of this article are waived
7 for any fiscal year in which a declaration of war is in ef-
8 fect.

9 “SECTION 6. Total receipts shall include all receipts
10 of the United States except those derived from borrowing.
11 Total outlays shall include all outlays of the United States
12 except for those for repayment of debt principal.

13 “SECTION 7. This article shall take effect beginning
14 with the second fiscal year after its ratification.”.

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