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# S. J. RES. 19

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States which requires (except during time of war and subject to suspension by Congress) that the total amount of money expended by the United States during any fiscal year not exceed the amount of certain revenue received by the United States during such fiscal year and not exceed 20 per centum of the gross national product of the United States during the previous calendar year.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 1, 2007

Mr. SHELBY introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## 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 (two-*

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

8 “ARTICLE —

9 “SECTION 1. The total amount of money expended  
10 by the United States in any fiscal year shall not exceed  
11 the total amount of revenue received by the United States  
12 during such fiscal year, except revenue received from the  
13 issuance of bonds, notes, or other obligations of the United  
14 States.

15 “SECTION 2. The total amount of money expended  
16 by the United States in any fiscal year shall not exceed  
17 the amount equal to 20 per centum of the gross national  
18 product of the United States during the last calendar year  
19 ending before the beginning of such fiscal year.

20 “SECTION 3. Sections 1 and 2 of this Article shall  
21 not apply during any fiscal year during any part of which  
22 the United States is at war as declared by Congress under  
23 section 8 of Article I of the Constitution.

24 “SECTION 4. Sections 1 and 2 of this Article may  
25 be suspended by a concurrent resolution approved by a

1 three-fifths vote of the Members of each House of Con-  
2 gress. Any suspension of sections 1 and 2 of this Article  
3 under this section shall be effective only during the fiscal  
4 year during which such suspension is approved.

5       “SECTION 5. This Article shall take effect on the first  
6 day of the first fiscal year beginning after the date of the  
7 adoption of this Article.

8       “SECTION 6. Congress shall have power to enforce  
9 this Article by appropriate legislation.”.

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