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S. J. RES. 35

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative
to a balanced budget.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 21, 2010

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

JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United
States relative to a balanced budget.

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 7 years after the date of its submission by
9 the Congress:

1 “SECTION 5. If in any fiscal year the percentage of
2 growth of Gross Domestic Product is negative, discre-
3 tionary spending, excluding spending for defense and
4 homeland security, in the next fiscal year shall not exceed
5 the level of such spending for the preceding fiscal year
6 reduced by that percentage of negative growth.

7 “SECTION 6. Congress shall have the power to en-
8 force this article by appropriate legislation.

9 “SECTION 7. This article shall take effect on the first
10 day of January of the second calendar year beginning
11 after the date of ratification of this article.”.

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