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# S. J. RES. 5

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States requiring that the Federal budget be balanced.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 24, 2019

Mr. LEE (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY) 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*  
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:



1 ment of this article, when authorized to do so by a petition  
2 signed by one-third of the Members of either House of  
3 Congress. No court of the United States or of any State  
4 shall order any increase in revenue to enforce this article.

5 “SECTION 7. The Congress shall have the power to  
6 enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

7 “SECTION 8. Total receipts shall include all receipts  
8 of the United States except those derived from borrowing.  
9 Total outlays shall include all outlays of the United States  
10 except those for repayment of debt principal.

11 “SECTION 9. This article shall become effective begin-  
12 ning with the second fiscal year commencing after its rati-  
13 fication by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several  
14 States.”.

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