

House Calendar No. 49

112TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. J. RES. 1

[Report No. 112-117]

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 5, 2011

Mr. GOODLATTE (for himself, Mr. HENSARLING, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado, Mr. AKIN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mrs. BACHMANN, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr. BROOKS, Mr. BROUN of Georgia, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. CARTER, Mr. CHAFFETZ, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. CRAWFORD, Mr. DENT, Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. FLEMING, Mr. FORBES, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. GRIFFITH of Virginia, Mr. HALL, Mr. HERGER, Mr. HULTGREN, Mr. HURT, Mr. ISSA, Mr. JORDAN, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. LANCE, Mr. LATTA, Mr. LUETKEMEYER, Mr. MACK, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. McCAUL, Mr. McCLINTOCK, Mr. MCHENRY, Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mrs. MILLER of Michigan, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. NEUGEBAUER, Mr. NUGENT, Mr. OLSON, Mr. PENCE, Mr. PLATTS, Mr. POE of Texas, Mr. POSEY, Mr. REHBERG, Mr. RIGELL, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky, Mr. ROSKAM, Mr. ROSS of Florida, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. SCALISE, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. UPTON, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Ms. FOXX, Mr. RIBBLE, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. FARENTHOLD, Mr. GRAVES of Missouri, Mr. PEARCE, Mr. PITTS, Mr. POMPEO, Mr. BARTLETT, Mr. GARRETT, and Mr. CHABOT) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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Additional sponsors: Ms. HAYWORTH, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. LANDRY, Mr. CULBERSON, Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina, Mr. GINGREY of Georgia, Mr. HARRIS, Mr.

HUELSKAMP, Mr. KLINE, Mr. WEST, Mr. WHITFIELD, Mr. FINCHER, Mr. GIBBS, Mr. GOWDY, Mr. MCCOTTER, Mr. SOUTHERLAND, Mr. STUTZMAN, Mrs. SCHMIDT, Mr. MARCHANT, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Mr. MULVANEY, Mr. DESJARLAIS, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. CAMP, Mr. DENHAM, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. GRAVES of Georgia, Mr. NUNNELEE, Mr. TERRY, Mr. ROKITA, Mr. GUINTA, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. BENISHEK, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. TIPTON, Ms. BUERKLE, Mrs. ADAMS, Mr. CRAVAACK, Mr. HELLER, Mr. LABRADOR, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. FLORES, Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky, Mr. YOUNG of Indiana, Mr. GRIFFIN of Arkansas, and Mr. COBLE

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[Strike out all after the resolving clause and insert the part printed in italic]

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 (two-*
 3 *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*
 9 *for ratification:*

10 “ARTICLE —

11 “SECTION 1. Total outlays for any fiscal year shall
 12 not exceed total receipts for that fiscal year, unless three-
 13 fifths of the whole number of each House of Congress shall

1 provide by law for a specific excess of outlays over receipts
2 by a rolleall vote.

3 “SECTION 2. Total outlays for any fiscal year shall
4 not exceed one-fifth of economic output of the United
5 States, unless two-thirds of each House of Congress shall
6 provide for a specific increase of outlays above this
7 amount.

8 “SECTION 3. The limit on the debt of the United
9 States held by the public shall not be increased unless
10 three-fifths of the whole number of each House shall pro-
11 vide by law for such an increase by a rolleall vote.

12 “SECTION 4. Prior to each fiscal year, the President
13 shall transmit to the Congress a proposed budget for the
14 United States Government for that fiscal year in which
15 total outlays do not exceed total receipts.

16 “SECTION 5. A bill to increase revenue shall not be-
17 come law unless three-fifths of the whole number of each
18 House shall provide by law for such an increase by a roll-
19 call vote.

20 “SECTION 6. The Congress may waive the provisions
21 of this article for any fiscal year in which a declaration
22 of war is in effect. The provisions of this article may be
23 waived for any fiscal year in which the United States is
24 engaged in military conflict which causes an imminent and
25 serious military threat to national security and is so de-

1 clared by a joint resolution, adopted by a majority of the
2 whole number of each House, which becomes law.

3 “SECTION 7. The Congress shall enforce and imple-
4 ment this article by appropriate legislation, which may rely
5 on estimates of outlays and receipts.

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

11 “SECTION 9. This article shall take effect beginning
12 with the later of the second fiscal year beginning after its
13 ratification or the first fiscal year beginning after Decem-
14 ber 31, 2016.”.

15 *That the following article is proposed as an amendment to*
16 *the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid*
17 *to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when*
18 *ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several*
19 *States within seven years after the date of its submission*
20 *for ratification:*

21 “ARTICLE —

22 “SECTION 1. Total outlays for any fiscal year shall
23 not exceed total receipts for that fiscal year, unless three-
24 fifths of the whole number of each House of Congress shall

1 *provide by law for a specific excess of outlays over receipts*
2 *by a rollcall vote.*

3 “SECTION 2. *Total outlays for any fiscal year shall*
4 *not exceed 18 percent of economic output of the United*
5 *States, unless two-thirds of each House of Congress shall*
6 *provide for a specific increase of outlays above this amount.*

7 “SECTION 3. *The limit on the debt of the United States*
8 *held by the public shall not be increased unless three-fifths*
9 *of the whole number of each House shall provide by law*
10 *for such an increase by a rollcall vote.*

11 “SECTION 4. *Prior to each fiscal year, the President*
12 *shall transmit to the Congress a proposed budget for the*
13 *United States Government for that fiscal year in which*
14 *total outlays do not exceed total receipts.*

15 “SECTION 5. *A bill to increase revenue shall not become*
16 *law unless two-thirds of the whole number of each House*
17 *shall provide by law for such an increase by a rollcall vote.*

18 “SECTION 6. *The Congress may waive the provisions*
19 *of this article for any fiscal year in which a declaration*
20 *of war is in effect. The provisions of this article may be*
21 *waived for any fiscal year in which the United States is*
22 *engaged in military conflict which causes an imminent and*
23 *serious military threat to national security and is so de-*
24 *clared by a joint resolution, adopted by a majority of the*
25 *whole number of each House, which becomes law.*

1 “SECTION 7. *The Congress shall enforce and implement*
2 *this article by appropriate legislation, which may rely on*
3 *estimates of outlays and receipts.*

4 “SECTION 8. *Total receipts shall include all receipts*
5 *of the United States Government except those derived from*
6 *borrowing. Total outlays shall include all outlays of the*
7 *United States Government except for those for repayment*
8 *of debt principal.*

9 “SECTION 9. *This article shall take effect beginning*
10 *with the later of the second fiscal year beginning after its*
11 *ratification or the first fiscal year beginning after December*
12 *31, 2016.*”.

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