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To amend title 31, United States Code, to provide for the issuance of  
War on Debt Bonds.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. OWENS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee  
on Ways and Means

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## A BILL

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issuance of War on Debt Bonds.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “War on Debt Act of  
5       2011”.

6       **SEC. 2. WAR ON DEBT BONDS.**

7       (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 31 of  
8       subtitle III of title 31, United States Code, is amended  
9       by inserting after section 3105 the following new section:

1 **“§ 3105a. War on Debt Bonds**

2       “(a) The Secretary shall establish and administer a  
3 new series of United States savings bonds, to be known  
4 as ‘War on Debt Bonds’. Proceeds from the bonds shall  
5 be used first solely to reduce the amount of foreign-held  
6 public debt, and then to reduce other public debt.

7       “(b) A War on Debt Bond shall not mature, and may  
8 not be redeemed by the holder, earlier than 50 years from  
9 the date of issue. An amount equal to 1/50 of the principal  
10 amount of any such bond shall be paid to the holder of  
11 such bond on the 5th anniversary, and each anniversary  
12 thereafter, and shall not be includible in gross income  
13 under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. Interest shall  
14 be paid annually on the anniversary date of issuance, and  
15 shall not be includible in gross income under such Code.

16       “(c) War on Debt Bonds shall be issued at face value  
17 and in denominations of not less than \$10,000, and shall  
18 bear interest at a rate determined by the Secretary to be  
19 equal to 90 percent of the interest rate for substantially  
20 similar AA rated State bonds, adjusted annually.

21       “(d) If during any fiscal year during which any War  
22 on Debt Bond is outstanding—

23               “(1) the Federal budget deficit for such fiscal  
24 year exceeds 3 percent of gross domestic product (as  
25 most recently computed and published by the De-  
26 partment of Commerce); or

1           “(2) the public debt exceeds 10 percent of gross  
2           domestic product (as so computed and published);  
3 then any such bond may be redeemed without regard to  
4 subsection (b).

5           “(e) A War on Debt Bond may only be held by—

6           “(1) a citizen or resident of the United States;

7           “(2) a domestic partnership, or domestic cor-  
8           poration, not more than 1 percent of the ownership  
9           interest of which is held (directly or indirectly) by a  
10          person who is not a United State person (as defined  
11          in section 7701(a)(30) of the Internal Revenue Code  
12          of 1986); or

13          “(3) an estate or trust which is a United States  
14          person (as so defined), unless there is a beneficiary  
15          of the trust who is not a United States person (as  
16          so defined).”.

17          (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
18 subchapter I of chapter 31 of subtitle III of title 31,  
19 United States Code, is amended by inserting after section  
20 3105 the following new item:

“3105. War on Debt Bonds.”.

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