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# H. J. RES. 1

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

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## 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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## JOINT RESOLUTION

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



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

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

9       “SECTION 6. The Congress may waive the provisions  
10 of this article for any fiscal year in which a declaration  
11 of war is in effect. The provisions of this article may be  
12 waived for any fiscal year in which the United States is  
13 engaged in military conflict which causes an imminent and  
14 serious military threat to national security and is so de-  
15 clared by a joint resolution, adopted by a majority of the  
16 whole number of each House, which becomes law.

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

20       “SECTION 8. Total receipts shall include all receipts  
21 of the United States Government except those derived  
22 from borrowing. Total outlays shall include all outlays of  
23 the United States Government except for those for repay-  
24 ment of debt principal.

1       “SECTION 9. This article shall take effect beginning  
2 with the later of the second fiscal year beginning after its  
3 ratification or the first fiscal year beginning after Decem-  
4 ber 31, 2016.”.

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