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Proposing an amendment to the Constitution to provide for a balanced budget for the United States Government and for greater accountability in the enactment of tax legislation.

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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
14 provide by law for a specific excess of outlays over receipts
15 by a rollcall vote.

1 “SECTION 2. The limit on the debt of the United
2 States held by the public shall not be increased, unless
3 three-fifths of the whole number of each House shall pro-
4 vide by law for such an increase by a rollcall vote.

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

9 “SECTION 4. No bill to increase revenue shall become
10 law unless approved by a majority of the whole number
11 of each House by a rollcall vote.

12 “SECTION 5. The Congress may waive the provisions
13 of this article for any fiscal year in which a declaration
14 of war is in effect. The provisions of this article may be
15 waived for any fiscal year in which the United States is
16 engaged in military conflict which causes an imminent and
17 serious military threat to national security and is so de-
18 clared by a joint resolution, adopted by a majority of the
19 whole number of each House, which becomes law.

20 “SECTION 6. The Congress shall enforce and imple-
21 ment this article by appropriate legislation, which may rely
22 on estimates of outlays and receipts.

23 “SECTION 7. Total receipts shall include all receipts
24 of the United States Government except those derived
25 from borrowing. Total outlays shall include all outlays of

1 the United States Government except for those for repay-
2 ment of debt principal.

3 “SECTION 8. This article shall take effect beginning
4 with fiscal year 2002 or with the second fiscal year begin-
5 ning after its ratification, whichever is later.”.

