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1ST SESSION

H. J. RES. 35

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution to require that congressional resolutions setting forth levels of total budget outlays and Federal revenues must be agreed to by two-thirds vote of both Houses of the Congress if the level of outlays exceeds the level of revenues.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 21, 1997

Mr. SOLOMON introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 (two-*
3 *thirds of each House concurring therein), That the follow-*
4 *ing article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitu-*
5 *tion of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents*
6 *and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by*
7 *the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States with-*

1 in seven years after the date of its submission for ratifica-
2 tion:

3 “ARTICLE —

4 “On the question of agreeing, in either the House of
5 Representatives or the Senate, to a concurrent resolution
6 of the two Houses of the Congress which sets forth an
7 appropriate level of total budget outlays of the Federal
8 Government for a fiscal year and a recommended level of
9 Federal revenues for that fiscal year or of agreeing, in
10 either the House of Representatives or the Senate, to a
11 report of a conference committee on such a concurrent res-
12 olution, the affirmative vote of two-thirds of Members
13 present and voting (a quorum being present), shall be re-
14 quired for agreeing to the question, if the appropriate level
15 of total budget outlays set forth in such concurrent resolu-
16 tion or recommended in such conference report exceeds the
17 recommended level of Federal revenues set forth in such
18 concurrent resolution or recommended in such conference
19 report.”.

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