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Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States with  
respect to tax limitations and the balanced budget.

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10 “ARTICLE —

11           “SECTION 1. Prior to each fiscal year, the President  
12 shall transmit to Congress a proposed statement of re-  
13 ceipts and outlays for such fiscal year in which outlays  
14 are not greater than receipts and Congress shall, by law,  
15 adopt a statement of receipts and outlays for such fiscal  
16 year in which outlays are not greater than receipts. Con-  
17 gress may, by law, amend that statement provided revised  
18 outlays are not greater than revised receipts. Congress

1 may provide in that statement for a specific excess of out-  
2 lays over receipts by a vote directed solely to that subject  
3 in which two-thirds of the whole number of each House  
4 agree to such excess. Congress and the President shall en-  
5 sure that actual outlays do not exceed the outlays set forth  
6 in such statement.

7 “SECTION 2. The limit on the debt of the United  
8 States held by the public shall not be increased, unless  
9 two-thirds of the whole number of each House shall pro-  
10 vide by law for such an increase by a rollcall vote.

11 “SECTION 3. Total receipts shall include all receipts  
12 of the United States except those derived from borrowing  
13 and total outlays shall include all outlays of the United  
14 States except those for the repayment of debt principal.

15 “SECTION 4. A bill to increase the internal revenue  
16 shall require for final adoption in each House the concur-  
17 rence of two-thirds of the whole number of that House,  
18 unless that bill is determined at the time of adoption, in  
19 a reasonable manner prescribed by law, not to increase  
20 the internal revenue by more than a de minimis amount.

21 “SECTION 5. The Congress may waive the require-  
22 ments of this article when a declaration of war is in effect.  
23 The Congress may also waive this article when the United  
24 States is engaged in military conflict which causes an im-  
25 minent and serious threat to national security and is so

1 declared by a joint resolution, adopted by a majority of  
2 the whole number of each House, which becomes law. Any  
3 increase in the internal revenue enacted under such a  
4 waiver shall be effective for not longer than two years.

5 “SECTION 6. Congress shall enforce and implement  
6 this article by appropriate legislation.

7 “SECTION 7. The provisions of this article respecting  
8 the internal revenue shall take effect upon the ratification  
9 of this article, and the remaining provisions of this article  
10 shall take effect for the fiscal year 2002 or for the second  
11 fiscal year beginning after its ratification, whichever is  
12 later.”.

