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Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to abolish
the Federal income tax.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas (for himself, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. HOSTETTLER, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. LARGENT, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. TAUZIN, Mrs. CHENOWETH, Mr. PAUL, Mr. SKEEN, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, Mr. BONILLA, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. HASTERT, Mr. HERGER, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. SPENCE, and Mr. ENSIGN) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United
States to abolish the Federal income tax.

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 *(two-thirds of each House concurring therein),* That the fol-
4 lowing article is proposed as an amendment to the Con-
5 stitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all
6 intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when
7 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several

1 States within seven years after the date of its submission
2 for ratification:

3 “ARTICLE —

4 “SECTION 1. Three years after the ratification of this
5 article of amendment, the sixteenth article of amendment
6 to the Constitution of the United States is repealed, and
7 the Congress shall have no power to lay and collect taxes
8 on incomes, except in time of war declared by the Con-
9 gress.

10 “SECTION 2. Not later than 180 days after the ratifi-
11 cation of the article of amendment proposed by this joint
12 resolution, the Secretary of the Treasury shall report to
13 the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Rep-
14 resentatives and the Committee on Finance of the Senate
15 recommendations for any legislation that may be nec-
16 essary to implement that article.”.

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