

## Calendar No. 33

106TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. J. RES. 13

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to protect  
Social Security.

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### IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 8, 1999

Mr. ABRAHAM introduced the following joint resolution; which was read the  
first time

MARCH 9, 1999

Read the second time and placed on the calendar

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## JOINT RESOLUTION

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States to protect Social Security.

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, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as  
6       part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures  
7       of three-fourths of the several States within seven years

1 after the date of its submission to the States for ratifica-  
2 tion:

3 “ARTICLE —

4 “SECTION 1. Total outlays for any fiscal year shall  
5 not exceed total receipts for that fiscal year, unless three-  
6 fifths of the whole number of each House of Congress shall  
7 provide by law for a specific excess of outlays over receipts  
8 by a rollcall vote.

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

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

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

20 “SECTION 5. The Congress may waive the provisions  
21 of this article for any fiscal year in which a declaration  
22 of war is in effect. The provisions of this article may be  
23 waived for any fiscal year in which the United States is  
24 engaged in military conflict which causes an imminent and  
25 serious military threat to national security and is so de-

1 clared by a joint resolution, adopted by a majority of the  
2 whole number of each House, which becomes law.

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

6 “SECTION 7. Total receipts shall include all receipts  
7 of the United States Government except those derived  
8 from borrowing. Total outlays shall include all outlays of  
9 the United States Government except for those for repay-  
10 ment of debt principal. The receipts (including attrib-  
11 utable interest) and outlays of the Federal Old-Age and  
12 Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disabil-  
13 ity Insurance Trust Fund used to provide old age, sur-  
14 vivors, and disabilities benefits shall not be counted as re-  
15 ceipts or outlays for purposes of this article.

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

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