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S. J. RES. 17

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States which requires (except during time of war and subject to suspension by the Congress) that the total amount of money expended by the United States during any fiscal year not exceed the amount of certain revenue received by the United States during such fiscal year and not exceed 20 per centum of the gross national product of the United States during the previous calendar year.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 25, 1999

Mr. SHELBY introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and 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-*

1 *thirds of each House concurring therein*), That the fol-
 2 lowing article is proposed as an amendment to the Con-
 3 stitution of the United States, to be valid only if ratified
 4 by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States
 5 within 7 years of the date of final passage of this joint
 6 resolution:

7 “ARTICLE —

8 “SECTION 1. The total amount of money expended
 9 by the United States in any fiscal year shall not exceed
 10 the total amount of revenue received by the United States
 11 during such fiscal year, except revenue received from the
 12 issuance of bonds, notes, or other obligations of the United
 13 States.

14 “SECTION 2. The total amount of money expended
 15 by the United States in any fiscal year shall not exceed
 16 the amount equal to 20 per centum of the gross national
 17 product of the United States during the last calendar year
 18 ending before the beginning of such fiscal year.

19 “SECTION 3. Sections 1 and 2 of this Article shall
 20 not apply during any fiscal year during any part of which
 21 the United States is at war as declared by the Congress
 22 under section 8 of Article I of the Constitution.

23 “SECTION 4. Sections 1 and 2 of this Article may
 24 be suspended by a concurrent resolution approved by a
 25 three-fifths vote of the Members of each House of the Con-

1 gress. Any suspension of sections 1 and 2 of this Article
2 under this section shall be effective only during the fiscal
3 year during which such suspension is approved.

4 “SECTION 5. This Article shall take effect on the first
5 day of the first fiscal year beginning after the date of the
6 adoption of this Article.

7 “SECTION 6. The Congress shall have power to en-
8 force this Article by appropriate legislation.”.

