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H. J. RES. 53

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States requiring a two-thirds vote to pass legislation that would result in a deficit in the budget of the United States for any fiscal period.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 20, 2001

Mr. TANNER (for himself, Mr. BOSWELL, Mr. MOORE, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. CARSON of Oklahoma, Mr. LUCAS of Kentucky, Mr. BACA, Mr. HILL, Mr. MATHESON, Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi, Mr. JOHN, Mr. TURNER, Mr. SHOWS, Mr. SCHIFF, and Mr. SANDLIN) 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 requiring a two-thirds vote to pass legislation that would result in a deficit in the budget of the United States for any fiscal period.

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 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. Any bill, resolution, or other legislative
5 measure the enactment of which would result in a deficit
6 in the budget of the United States for any fiscal period
7 shall require for final adoption in each House the concur-
8 rence of two-thirds of the Members of that House voting
9 and present. On any vote for which the concurrence of
10 two-thirds is required under this article, the yeas and nays
11 of the Members of either House shall be entered on the
12 Journal of that House.

13 “SECTION 2. The Congress may waive the require-
14 ments of this article when a declaration of war is in effect.
15 The Congress may also waive this article when the United
16 States is engaged in military conflict which causes an im-
17 minent and serious threat to national security and is so
18 declared by a joint resolution, adopted by a majority of
19 the whole number of each House, which becomes law. Any
20 such waiver shall be effective for not longer than two
21 years.”.

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