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# H. J. RES. 86

Proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 11, 2002

Mr. ISTOOK (for himself, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. NUSSLE, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. AKIN, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. BAKER, Mr. BARR of Georgia, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. BASS, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. BISHOP, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOEHNER, Mrs. BONO, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr. BROWN of South Carolina, Mr. BRYANT, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. CANNON, Mr. CANTOR, Mr. CASTLE, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COMBEST, Mr. CONDIT, Mr. CRANE, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. CULBERSON, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. DELAY, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. DUNCAN, Ms. DUNN of Washington, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. ENGLISH, Mr. FLETCHER, Mr. FORBES, Mr. GANSKE, Mr. GEKAS, Mr. GOODE, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRAVES, Mr. GUTKNECHT, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. HANSEN, Ms. HART, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. HEFLEY, Mr. HERGER, Mr. HILLEARY, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. HORN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. ISSA, Mr. JENKINS, Mr. JOHN, Mr. JONES of North Carolina, Mr. KELLER, Mr. KENNEDY of Minnesota, Mr. KERNS, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. KIRK, Mr. KOLBE, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, Mr. LINDER, Mr. LUCAS of Oklahoma, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. MCCRERY, Mr. McKEON, Mr. JEFF MILLER of Florida, Mr. DAN MILLER of Florida, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. NETHERCUTT, Mrs. NORTHUP, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. OSBORNE, Mr. OTTER, Mr. PENCE, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. PITTS, Mr. PLATTS, Mr. POMBO, Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, Mr. RADANOVICH, Mr. REGULA, Mr. REHBERG, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. RYUN of Kansas, Mr. SCHAFFER, Mr. SCHROCK, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. SIMMONS, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. SWEENEY, Mr. TANCREDI, Mr. TERRY, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TIBERI, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. WALDEN, Mr. WAMP, Mr. WELLER, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. WILSON of South Carolina) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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   intent and purposes as part of the Constitution when  
7   ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several  
8   States within seven years after the date of its submission  
9   for ratification:

11       “SECTION 1. Total outlays for any fiscal year shall  
12 not exceed total receipts for that fiscal year, unless three-  
13 fifths of the whole number of each House of Congress shall  
14 provide by law for a specific excess of outlays over receipts  
15 by a rolleall vote.

20           “SECTION 3. Prior to each fiscal year, the President  
21 shall transmit to the Congress a proposed budget for the

1 United States Government for that fiscal year in which  
2 total outlays do not exceed total receipts.

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

6 “SECTION 5. The Congress may waive the provisions  
7 of this article for any fiscal year in which a declaration  
8 of war is in effect. The provisions of this article may be  
9 waived for any fiscal year in which the United States is  
10 engaged in military conflict which causes an imminent and  
11 serious military threat to national security and is so de-  
12 clared by a joint resolution, adopted by a majority of the  
13 whole number of each House, which becomes law.

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

17 “SECTION 7. Total receipts shall include all receipts  
18 of the United States Government except those derived  
19 from borrowing. Total outlays shall include all outlays of  
20 the United States Government except for those for repay-  
21 ment of debt principal.

22 “SECTION 8. This article shall take effect beginning  
23 with the second fiscal year beginning after its ratifica-  
24 tion.”.

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