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# S. J. RES. 27

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

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 4, 2010

Mr. DEMINT (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. COBURN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. LEMIEUX, Mr. BURR, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. RISCH, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. VITTER, Mr. KYL, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. SESSIONS) introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## JOINT RESOLUTION

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

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*  
8       *States:*

1 “ARTICLE —

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

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

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

15 “SECTION 4. A bill to increase the internal revenue  
16 shall require for final adoption in each House the concur-  
17 rence of two-thirds of the whole number of that House  
18 by rollcall vote.

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

11 “SECTION 8. The provisions of this article respecting  
12 the internal revenue shall take effect upon the date of rati-  
13 fication of this article. The remaining provisions of this  
14 article shall take effect beginning with the later of the sec-  
15 ond fiscal year beginning after its ratification or the first  
16 fiscal year beginning after December 31, 2015.”.

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