## 112TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

## H. J. RES. 51

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to control Federal spending.

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

March 30, 2011

Mr. AKIN 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 to control Federal spending.

- 1 Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives
- 2 of the United States of America in Congress assembled
- 3 (two-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 within seven years after the date of its submission
- 9 for ratification:

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1	"ARTICLE —
2	"Section 1. Total outlays for any fiscal year shall
3	not exceed 18 percent of the gross domestic product of
4	the United States for the most recent calendar year ending
5	before the beginning of such fiscal year, unless two-thirds
6	of each House of Congress shall provide for a specific in-
7	crease of outlays above this amount. Total outlays shall
8	include all outlays of the United States Government, ex-
9	cept for those for repayment of debt principal.
10	"Section 2. The Congress shall have the power to
11	enforce this article by appropriate legislation.
12	"Section 3. No court shall have jurisdiction to con-
13	sider any claim or question arising out of this amendment
14	or any authority to issue any judgment, decree, or other
15	remedial order relating thereto.
16	"Section 4. This article shall take effect beginning

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17 with the fifth fiscal year beginning after the ratification

18 of this article.".