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

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## **JANUARY 5, 2011**

Mr. GOODLATTE (for himself, Mr. HENSARLING, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. Coffman of Colorado, Mr. Akin, Mr. Alexander, Mrs. BACHMANN, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr. BROOKS, Mr. BROUN of Georgia, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. CARTER, Mr. CHAFFETZ, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. CRAWFORD, Mr. DENT, Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. FLEMING, Mr. FORBES, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. GRIFFITH of Virginia, Mr. HALL, Mr. HERGER, Mr. HULTGREN, Mr. HURT, Mr. ISSA, Mr. JORDAN, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. LANCE, Mr. LATTA, Mr. LUETKEMEYER, Mr. Mack, Mr. Manzullo, Mr. McCaul, Mr. McClintock, Mr. MCHENRY, Mrs. MCMORRIS RODGERS, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mrs. MILLER of Michigan, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. NEUGEBAUER, Mr. NUGENT, Mr. Olson, Mr. Pence, Mr. Platts, Mr. Poe of Texas, Mr. Posey, Mr. REHBERG, Mr. RIGELL, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky, Mr. ROSKAM, Mr. ROSS of Florida, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. SCALISE, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. UPTON, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Ms. FOXX, Mr. RIBBLE, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. FARENTHOLD, Mr. GRAVES of Missouri, Mr. PEARCE, Mr. PITTS, Mr. POMPEO, Mr. BARTLETT, Mr. GARRETT, and Mr. CHABOT) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

## 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 intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when 6 7 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several 8 States within seven years after the date of its submission for ratification: 9

10 "Article—

"SECTION 1. Total outlays for any fiscal year shall
not exceed total receipts for that fiscal year, unless threefifths of the whole number of each House of Congress shall
provide by law for a specific excess of outlays over receipts
by a rollcall vote.

16 "SECTION 2. Total outlays for any fiscal year shall
17 not exceed one-fifth of economic output of the United
18 States, unless two-thirds of each House of Congress shall
19 provide for a specific increase of outlays above this
20 amount.

21 "SECTION 3. The limit on the debt of the United
22 States held by the public shall not be increased unless
23 three-fifths of the whole number of each House shall pro24 vide by law for such an increase by a rollcall vote.

"SECTION 4. Prior to each fiscal year, the President
 shall transmit to the Congress a proposed budget for the
 United States Government for that fiscal year in which
 total outlays do not exceed total receipts.

5 "SECTION 5. A bill to increase revenue shall not be6 come law unless three-fifths of the whole number of each
7 House shall provide by law for such an increase by a roll8 call vote.

9 "SECTION 6. The Congress may waive the provisions 10 of this article for any fiscal year in which a declaration of war is in effect. The provisions of this article may be 11 waived for any fiscal year in which the United States is 12 13 engaged in military conflict which causes an imminent and serious military threat to national security and is so de-14 15 clared by a joint resolution, adopted by a majority of the whole number of each House, which becomes law. 16

17 "SECTION 7. The Congress shall enforce and imple-18 ment this article by appropriate legislation, which may rely19 on estimates of outlays and receipts.

20 "SECTION 8. Total receipts shall include all receipts
21 of the United States Government except those derived
22 from borrowing. Total outlays shall include all outlays of
23 the United States Government except for those for repay24 ment of debt principal.

"SECTION 9. This article shall take effect beginning
 with the later of the second fiscal year beginning after its
 ratification or the first fiscal year beginning after Decem ber 31, 2016.".