## 112TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION H. J. RES. 18

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

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TERRY 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 fol4 lowing article is proposed as an amendment to the Con5 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:

## "ARTICLE —

2 "SECTION 1. Total outlays for any fiscal year shall
3 not exceed total receipts for that fiscal year, unless three4 fifths of the whole number of each House of Congress shall
5 provide by law for a specific excess of outlays over receipts
6 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 three-fifths of the whole number of each House shall pro10 vide by law for such an increase by a rollcall vote.

"SECTION 3. 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.

15 "SECTION 4. No bill to increase revenue shall become16 law unless approved by three-fifths of the whole number17 of each House by a rollcall vote.

18 "SECTION 5. The Congress may waive the provisions of this article for any fiscal year in which a declaration 19 of war is in effect. The provisions of this article may be 20 21 waived for any fiscal year in which the United States is 22 engaged in military conflict which causes an imminent and 23 serious military threat to national security and is so de-24 clared by a joint resolution, adopted by a majority of the whole number of each House, which becomes law. 25

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

4 "SECTION 7. Total receipts shall include all receipts
5 of the United States Government except those derived
6 from borrowing. Total outlays shall include all outlays of
7 the United States Government except for those for repay8 ment of debt principal.

9 "SECTION 8. This article shall take effect beginning
10 with the second fiscal year beginning after its ratifica11 tion.".

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