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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HENSARLING (for himself, Mr. PENCE, and Mr. CAMPBELL) 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 spending.

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 within ten years after the date of its submission*
9 *for ratification:*

1 “ARTICLE —

2 “SECTION 1. Total annual outlays shall not exceed
3 one-fifth of economic output of the United States of Amer-
4 ica, unless two-thirds of each House of Congress shall pro-
5 vide for a specific increase of outlays above this amount.
6 Total outlays shall include all outlays of the United States
7 Government, except for those for repayment of debt prin-
8 cipal.

9 “SECTION 2. The Congress may waive the provisions
10 of this article while a declaration of war is in effect.

11 “SECTION 3. The Congress shall have the power to
12 enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

13 “SECTION 4. This article shall take effect beginning
14 the fifth fiscal year after its ratification.”.

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