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

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STIVERS (for himself and Ms. SINEMA) introduced the following joint resolution; which was 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*  
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:



1 each House, which becomes law. Any such waiver shall  
2 identify and be limited to the specific increase for that  
3 fiscal year made necessary by the identified national emer-  
4 gency. Any increase in spending related to any waiver pro-  
5 vided by this section shall be offset by a budget surplus  
6 within ten fiscal years of the end of this waiver.

7       “SECTION 5. The Congress shall enforce and imple-  
8 ment this article by appropriate legislation, which may rely  
9 on estimates of outlays and receipts.

10       “SECTION 6. Total receipts shall include all receipts  
11 of the United States Government except those derived  
12 from borrowing. Total outlays shall include all outlays of  
13 the United States Government except for those for repay-  
14 ment of debt principal.

15       “SECTION 7. This article shall take effect beginning  
16 with the tenth fiscal year after its ratification.”.

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