

Calendar No. 12

105TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. J. RES. 1

[Report No. 105-3]

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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 21, 1997

Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. LOTT, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. ROTH, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. KOHL, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. KYL, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. ROBB, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. D'AMATO, Mr. HELMS, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. WARNER, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. COCHRAN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. MACK, Mr. GRAMM, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BROWNBACK, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. ENZI, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BOND, Mr. BURNS, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. COATS, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. FRIST, Mr. GORTON, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. GREGG, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. KEMPTHORNE, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, and Mr. THOMAS) introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

FEBRUARY 3, 1997

Reported under the authority of January 30, 1997 by Mr. Hatch, without amendment

JOINT RESOLUTION

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1 “SECTION 4. No bill to increase revenue shall become
2 law unless approved by a majority of the whole number
3 of each House by a rollcall vote.

4 “SECTION 5. The Congress may waive the provisions
5 of this article for any fiscal year in which a declaration
6 of war is in effect. The provisions of this article may be
7 waived for any fiscal year in which the United States is
8 engaged in military conflict which causes an imminent and
9 serious military threat to national security and is so de-
10 clared by a joint resolution, adopted by a majority of the
11 whole number of each House, which becomes law.

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

15 “SECTION 7. Total receipts shall include all receipts
16 of the United States Government except those derived
17 from borrowing. Total outlays shall include all outlays of
18 the United States Government except for those for repay-
19 ment of debt principal.

20 “SECTION 8. This article shall take effect beginning
21 with fiscal year 2002 or with the second fiscal year begin-
22 ning after its ratification, whichever is later.”.

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