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Proposing an amendment to the Constitution relating to Federal budget procedures.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VOLKMER introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution relating to Federal budget procedures.

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 if ratified*
7 *by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States*

1 within ten years after its submission to the States for
2 ratification.

3 “ARTICLE —

4 “SECTION 1. Prior to each fiscal year, the Congress
5 shall adopt a statement of receipts and outlays for that
6 year in which total outlays are not greater than total re-
7 ceipts. The Congress may amend such statement provided
8 revised outlays are no greater than revised receipts. When-
9 ever three-fifths of the whole number of both Houses shall
10 deem it necessary, Congress in such statement may pro-
11 vide for a specific excess of outlays over receipts by a vote
12 directed solely to that subject. The Congress and the
13 President shall, pursuant to legislation or through exercise
14 of their powers under the first and second articles, ensure
15 that actual outlays do not exceed the outlays set forth in
16 such statement.

17 “SECTION 2. Total receipts for any fiscal year set
18 forth in the statement adopted pursuant to this article
19 shall not increase by a rate greater than the rate of in-
20 crease in national income in the year or years ending not
21 less than six months nor more than twelve months before
22 such fiscal year, unless a majority of the whole number
23 of both Houses of Congress shall have passed a bill di-
24 rected solely to approving specific additional receipts and
25 such bill has become law.

1 “SECTION 3. The Congress may waive the provisions
2 of this article for any fiscal year in which a declaration
3 of war is in effect.

4 “SECTION 4. Total receipts shall include all receipts
5 of the United States except those derived from borrowing
6 and total outlays shall include all outlays of the United
7 States except those for repayment of debt principal.

8 “SECTION 5. This article shall take effect for the sec-
9 ond fiscal year beginning after its ratification.

10 “SECTION 6. The Congress shall enforce and imple-
11 ment this article by appropriate legislation.”.

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