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

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Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. HYDE, Mr. TATE, and Mr. PETE GEREN of Texas (for themselves, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. ARMEY, Mr. MICA, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. BAKER of California, Mr. BALLENGER, Mr. BARR, Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. BLUTE, Mr. BONILLA, Mr. BONO, Mr. BROWBACK, Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky, Mr. BURR, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. CAMP, Mr. CANADY, Mr. CASTLE, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. CHRYSLER, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COLLINS of Georgia, Mr. COMBEST, Mr. COOLEY, Mr. COX, Mr. CRANE, Mr. CREMEANS, Mrs. CUBIN, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Ms. DANNER, Mr. DORNAN, Mr. DUNCAN, Ms. DUNN, Mr. EMERSON, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. EVERETT, Mr. EWING, Mr. FAWELL, Mr. FLANAGAN, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. FORBES, Mrs. FOWLER, Mr. FOX, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Mr. FRISA, Mr. GANSKE, Mr. GEKAS, Mr. GILCHREST, Mr. GILLMOR, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. GOODLING, Mr. GOSS, Mr. GREENWOOD, Mr. GUTKNECHT, Mr. HANCOCK, Mr. HASTERT, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. HEINEMAN, Mr. HERGER, Mr. HILLEARY, Mr. HOBSON, Mr. HORN, Mr. HOUGHTON, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina, Mr. ISTOOK, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. JONES, Mr. KIM, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. LARGENT, Mr. LATHAM, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. LEACH, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, Mr. LIGHTFOOT, Mr. LINDER, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. LUCAS, Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mr. MCCREERY, Ms. MOLINARI, Mrs. MEYERS of Kansas, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. MOORHEAD, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. NEUMANN, Mr. NUSSLE, Mr. OXLEY, Mr. PACKARD, Mr. POMBO, Mr. PORTMAN, Ms. PRYCE, Mr. RADANOVICH, Mr. QUILLEN, Mr. QUINN, Mr. RIGGS, Mr. ROTH, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. SANFORD, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. SCHAEFER, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. SHADEGG, Mr. SHAW, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. SMITH of

1 cess of outlays over receipts by a vote directed solely to
2 that subject in which three-fifths of the whole number of
3 each House agree to such excess. Congress and the Presi-
4 dent shall ensure that actual outlays do not exceed the
5 outlays set forth in such statement.

6 “SECTION 2. No bill to increase receipts shall become
7 law unless approved by a three-fifths majority of the whole
8 number of each House of Congress.

9 “SECTION 3. Prior to each fiscal year, the President
10 shall transmit to Congress a proposed statement of re-
11 ceipts and outlays for such fiscal year consistent with the
12 provisions of this Article.

13 “SECTION 4. Congress may waive the provisions of
14 this Article for any fiscal year in which a declaration of
15 war is in effect. The provisions of this Article may be
16 waived for any fiscal year in which the United States faces
17 an imminent and serious military threat to national secu-
18 rity and is so declared by a joint resolution, adopted by
19 a majority of the whole number of each House, which be-
20 comes law.

21 “SECTION 5. Total receipts shall include all receipts
22 of the United States except those derived from borrowing
23 and total outlays shall include all outlays of the United
24 States except those for the repayment of debt principal.

1 “SECTION 6. The amount of Federal public debt as
2 of the first day of the second fiscal year beginning after
3 the ratification of this Article shall become a permanent
4 limit on such debt and there shall be no increase in such
5 amount unless three-fifths of the whole number of each
6 House of Congress shall have passed a bill approving such
7 increase and such bill has become law.

8 “SECTION 7. All votes taken by the House of Rep-
9 resentatives or the Senate under this Article shall be roll-
10 call votes.

11 “SECTION 8. Congress shall enforce and implement
12 this Article by appropriate legislation.

13 “SECTION 9. This Article shall take effect for the fis-
14 cal year 2002 or for the second fiscal year beginning after
15 its ratification, whichever is later.”.

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