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H. J. RES. 106

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 23, 2022

Mr. GOHMERT submitted the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 (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 seven years after the date of its submission*
9 *for ratification:*

1 there shall be a cancellation of budgetary authority equal
2 to the amount (if any) that total outlays exceeded the lim-
3 its set forth in sections 1 and 2 during the preceding fiscal
4 year.

5 “SECTION 7. The Congress may waive all the provi-
6 sions of this article for any fiscal year in which a declara-
7 tion of war is in effect. All the provisions of this article
8 may be waived for any fiscal year in which the United
9 States is engaged in military conflict which causes an im-
10 minent and serious military threat to national security and
11 is so declared by a joint resolution, adopted by a majority
12 of the whole number of each House, which becomes law.
13 Any such waiver must identify and be limited to the spe-
14 cific excess or increase for that fiscal year made necessary
15 by the identified military conflict.

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

19 “SECTION 9. Total receipts shall include all receipts
20 of the United States Government except those derived
21 from borrowing. Total outlays shall include all outlays of
22 the United States Government except for those for repay-
23 ment of debt principal.

1 “SECTION 10. This article shall take effect beginning
2 with the third fiscal year beginning after its ratification.”.

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