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Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative
to balancing the budget.

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Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. BURR, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. JOHANNIS, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. HOEVEN, and Mr. KIRK) introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United
States relative to balancing the budget.

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 engaged in military conflict which causes an imminent and
2 serious military threat to national security and is so de-
3 clared by a joint resolution, adopted by a majority of the
4 duly chosen and sworn Members of each House of Con-
5 gress, which becomes law.

6 “SECTION 6. The Congress shall enforce and imple-
7 ment this article by appropriate legislation, which may rely
8 on estimates of outlays, receipts, and gross domestic prod-
9 uct.

10 “SECTION 7. 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 8. This article shall take effect beginning
16 with the fourth fiscal year beginning after its ratifica-
17 tion.”.

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