

**Suspend the Rules and Pass the Joint Resolution, H.J. Res. 1, with  
an Amendment**

**(The amendment consists of a new preamble and a substitute text)**

112TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. J. RES. 1

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

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. GOODLATTE (for himself, Mr. HENSARLING, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado, Mr. AKIN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mrs. BACHMANN, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr. BROOKS, Mr. BROUN of Georgia, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. CARTER, Mr. CHAFFETZ, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. CRAWFORD, Mr. DENT, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. GRIFFITH of Virginia, Mr. HALL, Mr. HERGER, Mr. HULTGREN, Mr. HURT, Mr. ISSA, Mr. JORDAN, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. LANCE, Mr. LATTA, Mr. LUETKEMEYER, Mr. MACK, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. MCCAUL, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. MCHENRY, Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mrs. MILLER of Michigan, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. NEUGEBAUER, Mr. NUGENT, Mr. OLSON, Mr. PENCE, Mr. PLATTS, Mr. POE of Texas, Mr. POSEY, Mr. REHBERG, Mr. RIGELL, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky, Mr. ROSKAM, Mr. ROSS of Florida, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. SCALISE, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. UPTON, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Ms. FOXX, Mr. RIBBLE, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. FARENTHOLD, Mr. GRAVES of Missouri, Mr. PEARCE, Mr. PITTS, Mr. POMPEO, Mr. BARTLETT, Mr. GARRETT, and Mr. CHABOT) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary



1 three-fifths of the whole number of each House shall pro-  
2 vide by law for such an increase by a rollcall vote.

3 “SECTION 4. Prior to each fiscal year, the President  
4 shall transmit to the Congress a proposed budget for the  
5 United States Government for that fiscal year in which  
6 total outlays do not exceed total receipts.

7 “SECTION 5. A bill to increase revenue shall not be-  
8 come law unless two-thirds of the whole number of each  
9 House shall provide by law for such an increase by a roll-  
10 call vote.

11 “SECTION 6. The Congress may waive the provisions  
12 of this article for any fiscal year in which a declaration  
13 of war is in effect. The provisions of this article may be  
14 waived for any fiscal year in which the United States is  
15 engaged in military conflict which causes an imminent and  
16 serious military threat to national security and is so de-  
17 clared by a joint resolution, adopted by three-fifths of the  
18 whole number of each House, which becomes law. Any  
19 such waiver must identify and be limited to the specific  
20 excess or increase for that fiscal year made necessary by  
21 the identified military conflict.

22 “SECTION 7. The Congress shall enforce and imple-  
23 ment this article by appropriate legislation, which may rely  
24 on estimates of outlays and receipts.

1       “SECTION 8. Total receipts shall include all receipts  
2 of the United States Government except those derived  
3 from borrowing. Total outlays shall include all outlays of  
4 the United States Government except for those for repay-  
5 ment of debt principal.

6       “SECTION 9. This article shall take effect beginning  
7 with the later of the second fiscal year beginning after its  
8 ratification or the first fiscal year beginning after Decem-  
9 ber 31, 2016.”.