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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. HUSTED (for himself and Ms. LUMMIS) introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and 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*
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 within seven years after the date of its submission
9 for ratification:

1 “ARTICLE —

2 “SECTION 1. Expenditures and receipts shall be bal-
3 anced, which may occur over more than 1 year. Expendi-
4 tures shall include all expenditures of the United States
5 except those for payment of debt, and receipts shall in-
6 clude all receipts of the United States except those derived
7 from borrowing. Congress shall achieve balance within 10
8 years following the date of the ratification of this article.

9 “SECTION 2. For emergency situations, Congress
10 may, for limited times, authorize expenditures exceeding
11 those allowable under section 1, if two-thirds of the House
12 of Representatives and the Senate agree to pass the bill.
13 Debts incurred from such expenditures shall be paid as
14 soon as practicable.”.

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