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

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

5 “SECTION 4. No bill to increase revenue shall become
6 law unless approved by a majority of the whole number
7 of each House by a rollcall vote.

8 “SECTION 5. The Congress may waive the provisions
9 of this article for any fiscal year in which a declaration
10 of war is in effect. The provisions of this article may be
11 waived for any fiscal year in which the United States is
12 engaged in military conflict which causes an imminent and
13 serious military threat to national security and is so de-
14 clared by a joint resolution, adopted by a majority of the
15 whole number of each House, which becomes law.

16 “SECTION 6. 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 7. 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.

24 “SECTION 8. This article shall take effect beginning
25 with the later of the second fiscal year beginning after its

1 ratification or the first fiscal year beginning after Decem-
2 ber 31, 2016.”.

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