



SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION G

February 2, 1995, Introduced by Senators BOUCHARD, CISKY, ROGERS, BENNETT, HONIGMAN, SCHWARZ, DUNASKISS, SCHUETTE and SHUGARS and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A joint resolution ratifying the proposed amendment to the constitution of the United States to require a balanced federal budget.

Resolved by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the state of Michigan, That the one hundred fourth Congress of the United States of America, at its session, in both houses, by a constitutional majority of two-thirds of both houses has made the following proposition to amend the constitution of the United States:

JOINT RESOLUTION

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

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the following article is

1 proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United
2 States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part
3 of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of
4 three-fourths of the several States within seven years after the
5 date of its submission for ratification:

6 "ARTICLE _____

7 "Section 1. Prior to each fiscal year, Congress shall, by
8 law, adopt a statement of receipts and outlays for such fiscal
9 year in which total outlays are not greater than total receipts.
10 Congress may, by law, amend that statement provided revised out-
11 lays are not greater than revised receipts. Congress may provide
12 in that statement for a specific excess of outlays over receipts
13 by a vote directed solely to that subject in which three-fifths
14 of the whole number of each House agree to such excess. Congress
15 and the President shall ensure that actual outlays do not exceed
16 the outlays set forth in such statement.

17 "Section 3. Prior to each fiscal year, the President shall
18 transmit to Congress a proposed statement of receipts and outlays
19 for such fiscal year consistent with the provisions of this
20 Article.

21 "Section 4. Congress may waive the provisions of this
22 Article for any fiscal year in which a declaration of war is in
23 effect. The provisions of this Article may be waived for any
24 fiscal year in which the United States faces an imminent and
25 serious military threat to national security and is so declared
26 by a joint resolution, adopted by a majority of the whole number
27 of each House, which becomes law.

1 "Section 5. Total receipts shall include all receipts of
2 the United States except those derived from borrowing and total
3 outlays shall include all outlays of the United States except
4 those for the repayment of debt principal.

5 "Section 6. The amount of the debt of the United States
6 held by the public as of the date this Article takes effect shall
7 become a permanent limit on such debt and there shall be no
8 increase in such amount unless three-fifths of the whole number
9 of each House of Congress shall have passed a bill approving such
10 increase and such bill has become law.

11 "Section 7. All votes taken by the House of Representatives
12 or the Senate under this Article shall be rollcall votes.

13 "Section 8. Congress shall enforce and implement this
14 Article by appropriate legislation.

15 "Section 9. This Article shall take effect for the fiscal
16 year 2002 or for the second fiscal year beginning after its rati-
17 fication, whichever is later."

18 Therefore, in the name of, and on behalf of, the people of
19 the state of Michigan, we ratify, approve, and assent to the pro-
20 posed amendment to the constitution of the United States.

21 Resolved further, That certified copies of this joint reso-
22 lution be transmitted by the governor of the state of Michigan,
23 to the president of the United States, the archivist of the
24 United States, the president of the Senate of the United States,
25 and the speaker of the House of Representatives of the United
26 States.