

### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION G

February 6, 1997, Introduced by Senators BENNETT and  
BOUCHARD 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 fifth 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

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- 2 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States
- 3 to provide for a balanced budget for the United States Government
- 4 and for greater accountability in the enactment of tax
- 5 legislation.

1       Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the  
2 United States of America in Congress assembled (two-thirds of  
3 each House concurring therein), That the following article is  
4 proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United  
5 States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part  
6 of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of  
7 three-fourths of the several States within seven years after the  
8 date of its submission for ratification:

9                               "ARTICLE \_\_\_\_\_

10       "SECTION 1. Total outlays for any fiscal year shall not  
11 exceed total receipts for that fiscal year, unless three-fifths  
12 of the whole number of each House of Congress shall provide by  
13 law for a specific excess of outlays over receipts by a rollcall  
14 vote.

15       "SECTION 2. The limit on the debt of the United States held  
16 by the public shall not be increased, unless three-fifths of the  
17 whole number of each House shall provide by law for such an  
18 increase by a rollcall vote.

19       "SECTION 3. Prior to each fiscal year, the President shall  
20 transmit to the Congress a proposed budget for the United States  
21 Government for that fiscal year, in which total outlays do not  
22 exceed total receipts.

23       "SECTION 4. No bill to increase revenue shall become law  
24 unless approved by a majority of the whole number of each House  
25 by a rollcall vote.

26       "SECTION 5. The Congress may waive the provisions of this  
27 article for any fiscal year in which a declaration of war is in

1 effect. The provisions of this article may be waived for any  
2 fiscal year in which the United States is engaged in military  
3 conflict which causes an imminent and serious military threat to  
4 national security and is so declared by a joint resolution,  
5 adopted by a majority of the whole number of each House, which  
6 becomes law.

7 "SECTION 6. The Congress shall enforce and implement this  
8 article by appropriate legislation, which may rely on estimates  
9 of outlays and receipts.

10 "SECTION 7. Total receipts shall include all receipts of  
11 the United States Government except those derived from  
12 borrowing. Total outlays shall include all outlays of the United  
13 States Government except for those for repayment of debt  
14 principal.

15 "SECTION 8. This article shall take effect beginning with  
16 fiscal year 2002 or with the second fiscal year beginning after  
17 its ratification, 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.