

**Suspend the Rules and Pass the Joint Resolution, H. J. Res. 2, with  
an Amendment**

**(The amendment consists of a substitute text)**

112TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. J. RES. 2

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

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JANUARY 5, 2011

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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 3. 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 4. No bill to increase revenue shall become  
8 law unless approved by a majority of the whole number  
9 of each House by a rollcall vote.

10 “SECTION 5. The Congress may waive the provisions  
11 of this article for any fiscal year in which a declaration  
12 of war is in effect. The provisions of this article may be  
13 waived for any fiscal year in which the United States is  
14 engaged in military conflict which causes an imminent and  
15 serious military threat to national security and is so de-  
16 clared by a joint resolution, adopted by a majority of the  
17 whole number of each House, which becomes law. Any  
18 such waiver must identify and be limited to the specific  
19 excess or increase for that fiscal year made necessary by  
20 the identified military conflict.

21 “SECTION 6. The Congress shall enforce and imple-  
22 ment this article by appropriate legislation, which may rely  
23 on estimates of outlays and receipts.

24 “SECTION 7. Total receipts shall include all receipts  
25 of the United States Government except those derived

1 from borrowing. Total outlays shall include all outlays of  
2 the United States Government except for those for repay-  
3 ment of debt principal.

4 “SECTION 8. This article shall take effect beginning  
5 with the fifth fiscal year beginning after its ratification.”.