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1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 78

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

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 3, 2001

Mrs. EMERSON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

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

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
3 That the following article is proposed as an amendment  
4 to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be  
5 valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitu-  
6 tion if ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the  
7 several States within seven years after its submission to  
8 the States for ratification:



1       “SECTION 5. The provisions of this article are waived  
2 for any fiscal year in which a declaration of war is in ef-  
3 fect.

4       “SECTION 6. Total receipts shall include all receipts  
5 of the United States except those derived from borrowing.  
6 Total outlays shall include all outlays of the United States  
7 except for those for repayment of debt principal.

8       “SECTION 7. This article shall take effect beginning  
9 with the second fiscal year after its ratification.”.

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