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# H. CON. RES. 54

Expressing the sense of the Congress that Congress should enact real and substantial cuts in spending and approve a Balanced Budget Amendment to the Constitution before it considers raising taxes on the American people.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KNOLLENBERG submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas, in the last thirty years the Federal Government has raised taxes fifty-four times and balanced the budget in only one year;

Whereas, historically, tax increases have resulted in higher deficits, in part because Congress has spent \$1.59 for each new tax dollar raised;

Whereas, the most recent example of a Federal deficit-reduction effort, the 1990 Budget Summit tax hike, produced increased spending of \$2.34 for each tax dollar raised;

Whereas, the American people, who already send over \$1,100,000,000,000 in tax dollars to the Federal Government, deserve to see that Congress and the President have reduced Government spending in every way possible before they are asked to pay more in taxes;

Whereas, in the first year of the President's economic proposal net spending cuts total only \$2,000,000,000 while tax and fee increases are \$36,000,000,000, an incredible eighteen to one ratio of tax increases over spending cuts; and

Whereas, from 1994 to 1997 the President's plan calls for nearly \$3 in new taxes for every \$1 of proposed spending cuts: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
 2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of Congress that Con-  
 3 gress should not consider any tax increases on the Amer-  
 4 ican people until:

5            (1) Congress has enacted real and substantial  
 6 spending cuts; and

7            (2) Approved and sent to the States for ratifi-  
 8 cation a Balanced Budget Amendment to the United  
 9 States Constitution.

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