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WASHINGTON D C -- Rep Kika de la Garza was named Friday to a special committee of the Democratic Research Organization being formed to carry out a project designed to establish a legal requirement that every Federal budget be a balanced budget.

"Our committee will be charged with the responsibility of fully investigating all aspects of this vitally important matter by whatever means are available," Congressman de la Garza said. "Public hearings will be held in connection with developing a legislative plan."

Findings, conclusions and recommendations of the committee will be reported to the DRO membership for its approval. Following approval, a plan will be developed for achieving the project goal through enactment of the legislative package.

"I welcome the opportunity to be closely connected with this undertaking," the 15th District Representative said. "It is completely in line with the efforts, which I have been making for several years, to get approval of a law providing that Federal expenditures can exceed Federal revenues in no year except in case of national emergency."

The South Texan enlarged further that this is similar to what Texas now utilizes. The de la Garza resolution to balance the government's revenue and expenses has always met with a great deal of interest. The ramification of

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the de la Garza proposal is embodied to a certain extent in the organization of the congressional Budget Committee -- a watchdog organization constituted in this Congress to provide the House and the Senate with budget data on which to consider appropriations measures.

The South Texan supported the organization of the Budget Committee as a proper manifestation of the efforts of the Congress to realign its spending priorities.

"We have an obligation to the curtailment of needless federal expenditures in every way possible and to provide the necessary and proper assistance within the means of the people to provide, coupled with an even more comprehensive obligation to the future generations who will either be the recipients of a viable and stable country or be saddled with an awesome debt beyond their ability to sustain. We cannot -- we must not -- allow this to happen," Rep de la Garza said.

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