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A joint resolution to provide for a Balanced Budget Constitutional Amendment that prohibits the use of Social Security surpluses to achieve compliance.

Congress: 107 (2001–2003, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Economics and Public Finance

Introduced: Jan 22, 2001

Current Status: Committee on the Judiciary referred to Subcommittee on Constitution.

Latest Action: Committee on the Judiciary referred to Subcommittee on Constitution. (Jul 15, 2002)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Gramm, Phil [R-TX]

Party: Democratic • **State:** TX • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Craig, Larry E. [R-ID]	R · ID		Sep 17, 2002

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred to	Jul 15, 2002

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Economics and Public Finance

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jan 22, 2001)

Constitutional Amendment - Prohibits outlays for a fiscal year (except those for repayment of debt principal) from exceeding total receipts (except those derived from borrowing) for that fiscal year unless Congress, by a three-fifths roll call vote of each House, authorizes a specific excess of outlays over receipts.

Bars any surplus of receipts (including interest) over outlays of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors and Disability Insurance Trust Funds from being counted for purposes of this article. Requires any deficit of receipts (including interest) relative to outlays of such trust funds to be counted and to be completely offset by a surplus of all other receipts over all other outlays.

Requires a three-fifths roll call vote of each House to increase the public debt.

Directs the President to submit a balanced budget to Congress.

Prohibits any bill to increase revenue from becoming law unless approved by a majority of each House.

Authorizes waivers of these provisions when a declaration of war is in effect or under other specified circumstances involving military conflict.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 15, 2002:** Committee on the Judiciary referred to Subcommittee on Constitution.
- **Jun 14, 2001:** Star Print ordered on the joint resolution.
- **Jan 22, 2001:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 22, 2001:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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