

## HR 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.

**Congress:** 107 (2001–2003, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Economics and Public Finance

**Introduced:** Jan 3, 2001

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution. (Feb 12, 2001)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/107th-congress/house-bill/78>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Emerson, Jo Ann [R-MO-8]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** MO • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 12, 2001

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Economics and Public Finance

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of Jan 3, 2001)

Constitutional Amendment - Provides for agreement each fiscal year between Congress and the President on an estimate of total receipts. Prohibits outlays for such year from exceeding such amount unless authorized by a specific congressional vote.

Provides by law for repayment in the ensuing fiscal year whenever actual outlays exceed actual receipts for any fiscal year.

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.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Feb 12, 2001:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.
- **Jan 3, 2001:** Introduced in House
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- **Jan 3, 2001:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E3)
- **Jan 3, 2001:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.