

HJRES 15

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to abolishing personal income, estate, and gift taxes and prohibiting the United States Government from engaging in business in competition with its citizens.

Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Taxation

Introduced: Jan 28, 2003

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution. (Mar 6, 2004)

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 6, 2004

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Taxation

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jan 28, 2003)

Constitutional Amendment - Prohibits the United States from engaging in any business, professional, commercial, financial, or industrial enterprise except as specified in the Constitution.

Prohibits the constitution or laws of any State, or the laws of the United States, from being subject to the terms of any foreign or domestic agreement which would abrogate this amendment.

Requires any activities of the U.S. Government which violate the intent and purposes of this amendment to be liquidated and the properties and facilities affected to be sold within three years from the date of ratification of this amendment.

Repeals the sixteenth article of amendments to the Constitution three years after ratification of this amendment and thereafter prohibits Congress from levying taxes on personal incomes, estates, and/or gifts.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 6, 2004:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.
- **Jan 28, 2003:** Introduced in House
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- **Jan 28, 2003:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.