

HJRES 6

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: 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Economics and Public Finance

Introduced: Jan 4, 2005

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution. (Mar 2, 2005)

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (2 total)

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 3, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Economics and Public Finance

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jan 4, 2005)

Constitutional Amendment - Requires the Congress and the President, before each fiscal year, to agree on an estimate of total receipts for that fiscal year by enactment into law of a joint resolution.

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

Requires that the Congress provide by law for the repayment in the ensuing fiscal year of outlays that exceed actual receipts for a given year.

Requires a three-fifths rollcall vote of each House to increase the public debt limit.

Directs the President to submit a balanced budget to Congress annually.

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

Authorizes waivers of these provisions when a declaration of war is in effect.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 2, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.
- **Jan 4, 2005:** Introduced in House
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