

HJRES 21

Proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

Congress: 110 (2007–2009, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Economics and Public Finance

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties. (Mar 1, 2007)

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • State: FL • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Diaz-Balart, Mario [R-FL-25]	R · FL		Jan 31, 2007
Rep. Mica, John L. [R-FL-7]	R · FL		Jan 31, 2007
Rep. Miller, Jeff [R-FL-1]	R · FL		Jan 31, 2007
Rep. Putnam, Adam H. [R-FL-12]	R · FL		Feb 5, 2007
Rep. Brown-Waite, Ginny [R-FL-5]	R · FL		Feb 27, 2007
Rep. Scalise, Steve [R-LA-1]	R · LA		Jun 5, 2008

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 1, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Economics and Public Finance

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HJRES 81	Related bill	<b>Jun 3, 2008:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
110 SJRES 24	Related bill	<b>Nov 13, 2007:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
110 HJRES 45	Related bill	<b>Jun 25, 2007:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
110 HJRES 1	Related bill	<b>Feb 2, 2007:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
110 HJRES 7	Related bill	<b>Feb 2, 2007:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
110 HJRES 10	Related bill	<b>Jan 5, 2007:</b> Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

Constitutional Amendment - Prohibits 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 chamber, authorizes a specific excess of outlays over receipts.

Requires a three-fifths rollcall vote of each chamber 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 chamber by rollcall vote.

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

Requires Congress, by appropriate legislation, to provide that outlays for natural disasters do not count as outlays under this Amendment.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Mar 1, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
- **Jan 31, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 31, 2007:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.