

HJRES 23

Proposing an amendment 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:** 110 (2007–2009, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Taxation

**Introduced:** Feb 7, 2007

**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)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/110th-congress/house-joint-resolution/23>

Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Paul, Ron [R-TX-14]

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

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Miller, Jeff [R-FL-1]	R · FL		Feb 7, 2007
Rep. Bartlett, Roscoe G. [R-MD-6]	R · MD		Apr 30, 2007
Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]	R · AK		Apr 22, 2008
Rep. Walberg, Timothy [R-MI-7]	R · MI		Apr 29, 2008

Committee Activity

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

Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Taxation

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## Summary (as of Feb 7, 2007)

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Constitutional Amendment - Prohibits the U.S. government 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 Amendment to the Constitution three years after ratification of this amendment and thereafter prohibits Congress from levying taxes on personal incomes, estates, and gifts.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Mar 1, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
- **Feb 7, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 7, 2007:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E287)
- **Feb 7, 2007:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.