

## HJRES 45

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

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Economics and Public Finance

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 25, 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 21	Related bill	<b>Mar 1, 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.

## Summary (as of Jun 12, 2007)

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.

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

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

Requires the appropriate congressional committees to report implementing legislation to achieve a balanced budget without reducing the disbursements of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund to achieve that goal.

## Actions Timeline

- **Jun 25, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
- **Jun 12, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 12, 2007:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.