

HJRES 48

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: 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

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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. (Jun 12, 2009)

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Sponsor

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

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]	R · AK		Apr 30, 2009

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 12, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Apr 30, 2009)

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

- **Jun 12, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
- **Apr 30, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 30, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E1026)
- **Apr 30, 2009:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.