

HJRES 78

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 15, 2010

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Economics and Public Finance

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 SJRES 38	Related bill	Aug 4, 2010: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 511.
111 HJRES 89	Related bill	Jul 26, 2010: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
111 SJRES 35	Related bill	Jul 21, 2010: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
111 HJRES 73	Related bill	Mar 1, 2010: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
111 SJRES 27	Related bill	Feb 4, 2010: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
111 HJRES 75	Related bill	Feb 3, 2010: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
111 SJRES 22	Related bill	Dec 15, 2009: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
111 HJRES 43	Related bill	Jun 12, 2009: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
111 HJRES 1	Related bill	Feb 9, 2009: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.

Summary (as of Mar 2, 2010)

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 15, 2010:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
- **Mar 2, 2010:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 2, 2010:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.