

## HJRES 11

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to balance the Federal budget.

**Congress:** 112 (2011–2013, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Economics and Public Finance

**Introduced:** Jan 7, 2011

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution. (Jan 24, 2011)

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### Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bass, Charles F. [R-NH-2]	R · NH		Jan 7, 2011
Rep. Burton, Dan [R-IN-5]	R · IN		Jan 7, 2011
Rep. Duncan, John J., Jr. [R-TN-2]	R · TN		Jan 7, 2011
Rep. Franks, Trent [R-AZ-2]	R · AZ		Jan 7, 2011
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Rep. Long, Billy [R-MO-7]	R · MO		Jan 7, 2011
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Rep. Pitts, Joseph R. [R-PA-16]	R · PA		Jan 7, 2011
Rep. West, Allen B. [R-FL-22]	R · FL		Jan 7, 2011
Rep. Ross, Dennis A. [R-FL-12]	R · FL		Jan 12, 2011
Rep. Westmoreland, Lynn A. [R-GA-3]	R · GA		Jan 12, 2011
Rep. McCotter, Thaddeus G. [R-MI-11]	R · MI		Jan 20, 2011
Rep. Duncan, Jeff [R-SC-3]	R · SC		Oct 12, 2011
Rep. Farenthold, Blake [R-TX-27]	R · TX		Oct 12, 2011
Rep. Flores, Bill [R-TX-17]	R · TX		Oct 12, 2011
Rep. Kingston, Jack [R-GA-1]	R · GA		Oct 12, 2011
Rep. Mulvaney, Mick [R-SC-5]	R · SC		Oct 12, 2011
Rep. Posey, Bill [R-FL-15]	R · FL		Oct 12, 2011
Rep. Southerland, Steve II [R-FL-2]	R · FL		Oct 12, 2011
Rep. Walsh, Joe [R-IL-8]	R · IL		Oct 12, 2011

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 24, 2011

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Economics and Public Finance

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HJRES 89	Related bill	Dec 2, 2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.
112 HJRES 2	Related bill	Nov 30, 2011: Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 112-512.
112 SJRES 23	Related bill	Nov 30, 2011: Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 112-512.
112 HJRES 87	Related bill	Nov 21, 2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.
112 HJRES 54	Related bill	Jul 11, 2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.
112 HJRES 1	Related bill	Jun 23, 2011: Placed on the House Calendar, Calendar No. 49.
112 SJRES 3	Related bill	Jan 26, 2011: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## Summary (as of Jan 7, 2011)

Constitutional Amendment - Prohibits all outlays for a fiscal year (including those for debt service and other debt functions) from exceeding total receipts for that fiscal year (except those derived from borrowing) unless Congress, by a two-thirds roll call vote of each chamber, authorizes a specific excess of outlays over receipts.

Requires a two-thirds roll call vote of each chamber to increase the public debt limit.

Prohibits outlays for the total budget from exceeding the previous fiscal years' outlays plus population growth and inflation, unless such increase is approved by two-thirds of each chamber by a roll call vote.

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

Prohibits any bill to increase revenue from becoming law unless approved by two-thirds of each chamber by a roll call vote.

Authorizes waivers of these provisions when a declaration of war is in effect only by a vote of a majority of both chambers.

Requires all: (1) outlays above revenues from the previous fiscal year to be accounted for in the outlays and budgets of the following fiscal year, and (2) surplus revenues at the end of a fiscal year to be allocated to a fund to be returned to the taxpayers, determined by legislation before the end of the subsequent fiscal year.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jan 24, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.
- **Jan 7, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 7, 2011:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E44)
- **Jan 7, 2011:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.