

## SJRES 23

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to balancing the budget.

**Congress:** 112 (2011–2013, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Economics and Public Finance

**Introduced:** Jun 29, 2011

**Current Status:** Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights. Hearings

**Latest Action:** Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 112-512. (Nov 30, 2011)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/112th-congress/senate-joint-resolution/23>

### Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Alexander, Lamar [R-TN]	R · TN		Jun 29, 2011
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Sen. Barrasso, John [R-WY]	R · WY		Jun 29, 2011
Sen. Blunt, Roy [R-MO]	R · MO		Jun 29, 2011
Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]	R · AR		Jun 29, 2011
Sen. Brown, Scott P. [R-MA]	R · MA		Jun 29, 2011
Sen. Burr, Richard [R-NC]	R · NC		Jun 29, 2011
Sen. Chambliss, Saxby [R-GA]	R · GA		Jun 29, 2011
Sen. Coats, Daniel [R-IN]	R · IN		Jun 29, 2011
Sen. Coburn, Tom [R-OK]	R · OK		Jun 29, 2011
Sen. Cochran, Thad [R-MS]	R · MS		Jun 29, 2011
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Jun 29, 2011
Sen. Corker, Bob [R-TN]	R · TN		Jun 29, 2011
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	R · TX		Jun 29, 2011
Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]	R · ID		Jun 29, 2011
Sen. DeMint, Jim [R-SC]	R · SC		Jun 29, 2011
Sen. Enzi, Michael B. [R-WY]	R · WY		Jun 29, 2011
Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]	R · SC		Jun 29, 2011
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		Jun 29, 2011
Sen. Hatch, Orrin G. [R-UT]	R · UT		Jun 29, 2011
Sen. Heller, Dean [R-NV]	R · NV		Jun 29, 2011
Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND]	R · ND		Jun 29, 2011
Sen. Hutchison, Kay Bailey [R-TX]	R · TX		Jun 29, 2011
Sen. Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]	R · OK		Jun 29, 2011
Sen. Isakson, Johnny [R-GA]	R · GA		Jun 29, 2011
Sen. Johanns, Mike [R-NE]	R · NE		Jun 29, 2011
Sen. Johnson, Ron [R-WI]	R · WI		Jun 29, 2011
Sen. Kirk, Mark Steven [R-IL]	R · IL		Jun 29, 2011
Sen. Kyl, Jon [R-AZ]	R · AZ		Jun 29, 2011
Sen. Lee, Mike [R-UT]	R · UT		Jun 29, 2011
Sen. Lugar, Richard G. [R-IN]	R · IN		Jun 29, 2011
Sen. McCain, John [R-AZ]	R · AZ		Jun 29, 2011
Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]	R · KS		Jun 29, 2011
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Jun 29, 2011
Sen. Paul, Rand [R-KY]	R · KY		Jun 29, 2011
Sen. Portman, Rob [R-OH]	R · OH		Jun 29, 2011
Sen. Risch, James E. [R-ID]	R · ID		Jun 29, 2011
Sen. Roberts, Pat [R-KS]	R · KS		Jun 29, 2011
Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]	R · FL		Jun 29, 2011
Sen. Sessions, Jeff [R-AL]	R · AL		Jun 29, 2011
Sen. Shelby, Richard C. [R-AL]	R · AL		Jun 29, 2011

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]	R · ME		Jun 29, 2011
Sen. Thune, John [R-SD]	R · SD		Jun 29, 2011
Sen. Toomey, Patrick [R-PA]	R · PA		Jun 29, 2011
Sen. Vitter, David [R-LA]	R · LA		Jun 29, 2011
Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]	R · MS		Jun 29, 2011

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Nov 30, 2011

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Economics and Public Finance

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 SJRES 10	Identical bill	<b>Dec 14, 2011:</b> Failed of passage in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 47 - 53. Record Vote Number: 229.
112 HJRES 54	Related bill	<b>Jul 11, 2011:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.
112 HJRES 56	Identical bill	<b>Jul 11, 2011:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.
112 HJRES 1	Related bill	<b>Jun 23, 2011:</b> Placed on the House Calendar, Calendar No. 49.
112 HJRES 41	Related bill	<b>Feb 28, 2011:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.
112 HJRES 23	Related bill	<b>Feb 14, 2011:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.
112 SJRES 3	Related bill	<b>Jan 26, 2011:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
112 HJRES 11	Related bill	<b>Jan 24, 2011:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.

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 two-thirds roll call vote of each chamber, authorizes a specific excess of outlays over receipts.

Prohibits total outlays for any fiscal year from exceeding 18% of the gross domestic product (GDP) for the preceding calendar year unless Congress, by a two-thirds roll call vote of each chamber, authorizes a specific excess over such 18%.

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

Prohibits any bill from becoming law that imposes a new tax or increases the statutory rate of any tax or the aggregate amount of revenue, unless approved by a two-thirds roll call vote of each chamber.

Requires a three-fifths roll call vote of each chamber to increase the federal debt limit.

Authorizes waivers of these requirements: (1) when a declaration of war is in effect against a nation-state and Congress, by a majority roll call vote of each chamber, authorizes a specific excess; or (2) under other specified circumstances involving military conflict, if Congress, by a three-fifths roll call vote of each chamber, authorizes such waiver.

Prohibits a federal or state court from ordering any increase in revenue to enforce this article.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **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.
- **Jun 30, 2011:** Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 90.
- **Jun 29, 2011:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 29, 2011:** Introduced in the Senate. Read the first time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under Read the First Time. (text of measure as introduced: CR S4235)