

HJRES 4

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

Congress: 112 (2011–2013, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Economics and Public Finance

Introduced: Jan 5, 2011

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.

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

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/112th-congress/house-joint-resolution/4>

Sponsor

Name: Rep. Buchanan, Vern [R-FL-13]

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
|--------------------------------|---------------|------|--------------|
| Rep. West, Allen B. [R-FL-22] | R · FL | | Jan 12, 2011 |
| Rep. Tipton, Scott R. [R-CO-3] | R · CO | | Jan 26, 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 |
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| 112 SJRES 24 | Related bill | Dec 14, 2011: Failed of passage in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 21 - 79. Record Vote Number: 228. |
| 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 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 HJRES 41 | Related bill | Feb 28, 2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution. |
| 112 SJRES 3 | Related bill | Jan 26, 2011: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. |
| 112 HJRES 18 | Related bill | Jan 24, 2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution. |

Summary (as of Jan 5, 2011)

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.

Requires a three-fifths rollcall vote of each chamber to increase the public debt limit.

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

Prohibits any bill to increase revenue from becoming law unless approved by a majority of each chamber by rollcall vote.

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

Requires Congress, by appropriate legislation, to provide that outlays for natural disasters do not count as outlays under this Amendment.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 24, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.
- **Jan 5, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 5, 2011:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.