

HJRES 41

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: Feb 17, 2011

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution. (Feb 28, 2011)

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** OR • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 28, 2011

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Economics and Public Finance

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
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 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.
112 HJRES 4	Related bill	Jan 24, 2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.
112 HJRES 10	Related bill	Jan 24, 2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.
112 HJRES 18	Related bill	Jan 24, 2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.

Summary (as of Feb 17, 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.

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

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

Authorizes waivers of these provisions when a declaration of war is in effect.

Requires the appropriate congressional committees to report to their respective chambers 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

- Feb 28, 2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.
- Feb 17, 2011: Introduced in House
- Feb 17, 2011: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.