

## 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
Rep. Boswell, Leonard L. [D-IA-3]	D · IA		Jul 25, 2011

### 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
<a href="#">112 SJRES 24</a>	Related bill	<b>Dec 14, 2011:</b> Failed of passage in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 21 - 79. Record Vote Number: 228.
<a href="#">112 HJRES 89</a>	Related bill	<b>Dec 2, 2011:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.
<a href="#">112 HJRES 2</a>	Related bill	<b>Nov 30, 2011:</b> Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 112-512.
<a href="#">112 SJRES 23</a>	Related bill	<b>Nov 30, 2011:</b> Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 112-512.
<a href="#">112 HJRES 87</a>	Related bill	<b>Nov 21, 2011:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.
<a href="#">112 HJRES 54</a>	Related bill	<b>Jul 11, 2011:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.
<a href="#">112 HJRES 1</a>	Related bill	<b>Jun 23, 2011:</b> Placed on the House Calendar, Calendar No. 49.
<a href="#">112 SJRES 3</a>	Related bill	<b>Jan 26, 2011:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
<a href="#">112 HJRES 4</a>	Related bill	<b>Jan 24, 2011:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.
<a href="#">112 HJRES 10</a>	Related bill	<b>Jan 24, 2011:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.
<a href="#">112 HJRES 18</a>	Related bill	<b>Jan 24, 2011:</b> 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.