

## HJRES 52

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States requiring that the Federal budget be balanced.

**Congress:** 112 (2011–2013, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Economics and Public Finance

**Introduced:** Mar 30, 2011

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

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution. (Jun 1, 2011)

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### Sponsor

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### Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Goodlatte, Bob [R-VA-6]	R · VA		Apr 8, 2011
Rep. Ross, Dennis A. [R-FL-12]	R · FL		Nov 3, 2011

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 1, 2011

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Economics and Public Finance

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 SJRES 5	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.
112 HJRES 54	Related bill	<b>Jul 11, 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.

Constitutional Amendment - Prohibits outlays for a fiscal year (except those for repayment of debt principal) from exceeding receipts for that fiscal year (except those derived from borrowing).

Prohibits outlays from exceeding 18% of the gross domestic product (GDP) for the calendar year ending before the beginning of such fiscal year.

Authorizes Congress to provide for suspension of the imposed limitations for any fiscal year for which two-thirds of each chamber shall provide, by a roll call vote, for a specific excess of outlays over receipts or over 18% of such GDP for such calendar year.

Prohibits any bill to levy a new tax or increase the rate of any tax from becoming law unless approved by a two-thirds roll call vote of each chamber.

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

Grants Members of Congress standing and a cause of action to seek judicial enforcement of this article when authorized to do so by a petition signed by one-third of the Members of either chamber. Prohibits a federal or state court from ordering any increase in revenue to enforce this article.

Authorizes Congress to waive these provisions when a declaration of war is in effect.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jun 1, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.
- **Mar 30, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 30, 2011:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.