

HJRES 73

Proposing a spending limit amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Economics and Public Finance

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Rep. Herger, Wally [R-CA-2]	R · CA		Oct 5, 2011
Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]	D · IL		Oct 12, 2011

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 25, 2011

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Economics and Public Finance

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HJRES 102	Related bill	Feb 16, 2012: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.
112 HJRES 81	Related bill	Oct 24, 2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.

Summary (as of Jul 21, 2011)

Constitutional Amendment - Prohibits total outlays (except those for payment of debt) for a year from exceeding the average annual revenue (except that derived from borrowing) collected in the three prior years, adjusted in proportion to changes in population and inflation.

Requires a three-fourths roll call vote of each chamber to declare an emergency and provide by law for specific outlays in excess of such limit.

Requires the declaration to specify reasons for the emergency designation and to limit the period in which outlays may exceed such limit to no longer than one year.

Requires all revenue in excess of outlays: (1) to reduce the federal debt; and (2) upon the retirement of such debt, to be held by the Treasury to be used for the specific outlays in excess of such limit.

Prescribes a formula for reducing outlays over ten years.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 25, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.
- **Jul 21, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 21, 2011:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.