

## HJRES 89

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:** Nov 17, 2011

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

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution. (Dec 2, 2011)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/112th-congress/house-joint-resolution/89>

### Sponsor

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

### Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 2, 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 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 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 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 11	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 Nov 17, 2011)

Constitutional Amendment - Prohibits estimated outlays of the operating funds of the United States for any fiscal year from exceeding total estimated receipts to those funds for that fiscal year unless Congress, by a three-fifths roll-call vote of each chamber, approves a specific excess of outlays over receipts.

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 roll-call vote.

Authorizes waivers of these provisions for any fiscal year and the first fiscal year thereafter if: (1) a declaration of war is in effect, or (2) the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimates that real economic growth has been or will be less than 1% for two consecutive quarters during the period of those two fiscal years. Authorizes waivers for any fiscal year under other specified circumstances involving military conflict or if a presidential declaration of major disaster is in effect.

Excludes: (1) from estimated receipts, specified funds derived from net borrowing; (2) from estimated outlays, funds for repayment of debt principal and for capital investments; and (3) from receipts or outlays, receipts (including attributable interest) and outlays of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund.

## Actions Timeline

- Dec 2, 2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.
- Nov 17, 2011: Introduced in House
- Nov 17, 2011: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.