

HJRES 18

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution to provide for a balanced budget for the United States Government and for greater accountability in the enactment of tax legislation.

Congress: 113 (2013–2015, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Economics and Public Finance

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution And Civil Justice. (Feb 28, 2013)

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** MO • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 28, 2013

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Economics and Public Finance

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Constitutional Amendment - Requires Congress and the President to agree annually on an estimate of total receipts (except those derived from borrowing) for a fiscal year by enactment into law of a joint resolution devoted solely to that subject. Prohibits outlays for that year (except those for repayment of debt principal) from exceeding the estimated receipts set forth in the joint resolution, unless Congress, by a three-fifths rollcall vote of the total membership of each chamber, authorizes a specific excess of outlays over estimated receipts.

Requires Congress, whenever actual outlays exceed actual receipts for any fiscal year, to provide by law for the repayment of such excess in the ensuing fiscal year.

Prohibits any increase in the public debt of the United States unless three-fifths of the total membership of each House provides for it by a rollcall vote.

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 a rollcall vote.

Waives these provisions when a declaration of war is in effect.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 28, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution And Civil Justice.
- **Jan 18, 2013:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 18, 2013:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.