

## SJRES 20

A joint resolution proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

**Congress:** 113 (2013–2015, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Economics and Public Finance

**Introduced:** Jul 11, 2013

**Current Status:** Read the second time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**Latest Action:** Read the second time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Jul 11, 2013)

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### Sponsor

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Sen. Begich, Mark [D-AK]	D · AK		Jul 11, 2013
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Sen. Manchin, Joe, III [D-WV]	D · WV		Jul 11, 2013
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Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Jul 11, 2013
Sen. Walsh, John E. [D-MT]	D · MT		Feb 12, 2014

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 11, 2013

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Economics and Public Finance

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 HJRES 49	Related bill	<b>Jul 15, 2013:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
113 HJRES 38	Related bill	<b>Apr 30, 2013:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
113 HJRES 36	Related bill	<b>Apr 8, 2013:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution And Civil Justice.
113 HJRES 1	Related bill	<b>Jan 25, 2013:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution And Civil Justice.
113 HJRES 2	Related bill	<b>Jan 25, 2013:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution And Civil Justice.
113 HJRES 6	Related bill	<b>Jan 25, 2013:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution And Civil Justice.
113 HJRES 11	Related bill	<b>Jan 25, 2013:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution And Civil Justice.

Constitutional Amendment - Prohibits total 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 roll call vote of each chamber, authorizes a specific excess of outlays over receipts.

Excludes receipts (including attributable interest) and outlays of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund, or either of their successor funds, from consideration as receipts or outlays for purposes of this Amendment.

Directs the President to submit a balanced budget to Congress annually.

Authorizes waivers of these provisions when a declaration of war is in effect or under other specified circumstances involving military conflict.

Prohibits Congress from passing any bill that provides a net reduction in individual income taxes for those with incomes over \$1 million (as may be adjusted by Congress to account for inflation) if, after enactment, total outlays would exceed total receipts in any fiscal year affected by the bill.

Prohibits a federal or state court from ordering any reduction in the Social Security benefits authorized by law, including any benefits provided from the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund, the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund, or either of their successor funds.

### **Actions Timeline**

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