

## HJRES 36

Proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution requiring that each agency and department's funding is justified.

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Economics and Public Finance

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**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution And Civil Justice. (Apr 8, 2013)

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### Sponsor

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Rep. Ross, Dennis A. [R-FL-15]	R · FL		Mar 14, 2013
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Rep. Duncan, Jeff [R-SC-3]	R · SC		Apr 25, 2013
Rep. Mulvaney, Mick [R-SC-5]	R · SC		Apr 25, 2013

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 8, 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 SJRES 20	Related bill	<b>Jul 11, 2013:</b> Read the second time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
113 HJRES 38	Related bill	<b>Apr 30, 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.

## Summary (as of Mar 14, 2013)

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 rollcall vote of each chamber, authorizes a specific excess of outlays over receipts.

Prohibits total outlays for any fiscal year from exceeding the following:

- for the first fiscal year for which this Amendment takes effect, 20% of the estimated gross domestic product (GDP) of the United States for that year, and
- for each subsequent fiscal year, a percentage of the estimated GDP equal to the applicable percentage for the preceding fiscal year reduced by .1%.

States, however, that spending for any fiscal year is not required to be less than 16% of the estimated GDP.

Requires a three-fifths rollcall vote of each chamber to increase the public debt limit.

Directs the President to submit a balanced budget (budget plan) to Congress annually.

Prohibits any bill to increase revenue from becoming law unless approved by a three-fifths majority of the whole number of each chamber by rollcall vote.

Requires the budget plan to include a justification by each federal department or agency for any funding proposed in that plan.

Authorizes waivers of these requirements: (1) when a declaration of war is in effect or under other specified circumstances involving military conflict, or (2) during declaration of a natural disaster.

## Actions Timeline

- **Apr 8, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution And Civil Justice.
- **Mar 14, 2013:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 14, 2013:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.