

HJRES 5

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to balancing the budget.

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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. (Jan 25, 2013)

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 25, 2013

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Economics and Public Finance

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 HJRES 49	Related bill	Jul 15, 2013: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
113 HJRES 35	Related bill	Apr 8, 2013: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution And Civil Justice.
113 SJRES 7	Related bill	Feb 13, 2013: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S715-716)
113 HJRES 6	Related bill	Jan 25, 2013: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution And Civil Justice.

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

Prohibits total outlays for any fiscal year from exceeding 18% of the gross domestic product (GDP) for the preceding calendar year unless Congress, by a two-thirds roll call vote of each chamber, authorizes a specific excess over such 18%.

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

Prohibits any bill from becoming law that imposes a new tax or increases the statutory rate of any tax or the aggregate amount of revenue, unless approved by a two-thirds roll call vote of each chamber.

Requires a three-fifths roll call vote of each chamber to increase the federal debt limit.

Authorizes waivers of these requirements: (1) when a declaration of war is in effect against a nation-state and Congress, by a majority roll call vote of each chamber, authorizes a specific excess; or (2) under other specified circumstances involving military conflict, if Congress, by a three-fifths roll call vote of each chamber, authorizes such waiver.

Prohibits a federal or state court from ordering any increase in revenue to enforce this article.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 25, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution And Civil Justice.
- **Jan 3, 2013:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 3, 2013:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.