

HJRES 55

Proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Economics and Public Finance

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 1, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Economics and Public Finance

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Constitutional Amendment

This joint resolution proposes a constitutional amendment requiring federal expenditures and receipts to be balanced, excluding expenditures for payment of debt and receipts derived from borrowing. The requirement may be met over more than one year to accommodate economic conditions.

In emergency situations, two-thirds of the House of Representatives and the Senate may authorize expenditures to exceed receipts for a limited time. Debts from emergency expenditures must be paid as soon as practicable.

Congress may enforce the article with legislation, which must require compliance within 10 years of ratification.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 1, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
- **May 20, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **May 20, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.