

## HJRES 7

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

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Economics and Public Finance

**Introduced:** Jan 6, 2015

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice. (Jan 12, 2015)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-joint-resolution/7>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Lance, Leonard [R-NJ-7]

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

### Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Duncan, Jeff [R-SC-3]	R · SC		Jan 8, 2015
Rep. Huizenga, Bill [R-MI-2]	R · MI		Jan 9, 2015

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 12, 2015

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Economics and Public Finance

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HJRES 93	Related bill	May 17, 2016: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
114 HJRES 79	Related bill	Jan 15, 2016: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
114 HJRES 28	Related bill	Feb 19, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
114 HJRES 1	Related bill	Jan 12, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
114 HJRES 2	Related bill	Jan 12, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
114 HJRES 4	Related bill	Jan 12, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
114 HJRES 12	Related bill	Jan 12, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.

## Constitutional Amendment

This joint resolution proposes a constitutional amendment prohibiting total outlays for a fiscal year from exceeding total receipts for that fiscal year unless Congress authorizes the excess by a three-fifths roll call vote of each chamber. The prohibition excludes outlays for repayment of debt principal and receipts derived from borrowing.

The amendment requires a three-fifths roll call vote of each chamber of Congress to increase the public debt limit or to increase revenue. It also requires the President to submit a balanced budget to Congress annually.

Congress is authorized to waive these requirements when a declaration of war is in effect or if the United States is engaged in a military conflict which causes an imminent and serious military threat to national security.

## Actions Timeline

---

- **Jan 12, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
- **Jan 6, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 6, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.