

HJRES 79

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

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 15, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Economics and Public Finance

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
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 7	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 from exceeding total receipts for a 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 President must submit a balanced budget to Congress annually. If the President does not submit a balanced budget for a fiscal year, no executive orders may be issued until the earlier of the submission of a balanced budget or the first day of the fiscal year.

A three-fifths roll call vote of each chamber of Congress is required to increase the public debt limit.

Congress may waive the requirements for any period during which the United States is engaged in military conflict that causes an imminent and serious military threat to national security.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 15, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
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