

## HJRES 86

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to provide for balanced budgets for the Government.

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Economics and Public Finance

**Introduced:** Apr 14, 2016

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

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice. (Apr 28, 2016)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** OR • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

| Committee           | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
|---------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Judiciary Committee | House   | Referred to | Apr 28, 2016 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Economics and Public Finance

### Related Bills

| Bill         | Relationship | Last Action  |
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| 114 HJRES 1  | Related bill | <b>Jan 12, 2015:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice. |
| 114 HJRES 2  | Related bill | <b>Jan 12, 2015:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice. |
| 114 HJRES 12 | Related bill | <b>Jan 12, 2015:</b> 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 three-fifths of each chamber of Congress authorizes the excess with a rollcall vote. The authorization must include an adequate increase in the debt limit for the specific excess of outlays. The prohibition excludes outlays for repayment of debt principal and receipts derived from borrowing.

The President must submit a balanced budget to Congress annually.

Total outlays for the Social Security trust funds over 75 years must not exceed total receipts for 75 years, unless three-fifths of each chamber of Congress authorizes the specific excess by a rollcall vote.

Congress may waive the requirements by a rollcall vote for any year in which a declaration of war is in effect. The waiver must: (1) identify and be limited to the outlays necessary for the war, and (2) include an adequate increase in the debt limit for the specific excess of outlays.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Apr 28, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
- **Apr 14, 2016:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 14, 2016:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H1688-1689)
- **Apr 14, 2016:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.