

HJRES 107

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

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Rep. Cooper, Jim [D-TN-5]	D · TN		Jun 29, 2017
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Rep. Schrader, Kurt [D-OR-5]	D · OR		Jun 29, 2017
Rep. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ-9]	D · AZ		Jun 29, 2017
Rep. Cuellar, Henry [D-TX-28]	D · TX		Jul 12, 2017
Rep. Peterson, Collin C. [D-MN-7]	D · MN		Jul 13, 2017
Rep. Gottheimer, Josh [D-NJ-5]	D · NJ		Jul 18, 2017
Rep. Bishop, Sanford D., Jr. [D-GA-2]	D · GA		Jul 19, 2017
Rep. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV-3]	D · NV		Apr 11, 2018
Rep. Suozzi, Thomas R. [D-NY-3]	D · NY		Apr 11, 2018
Rep. Crist, Charlie [D-FL-13]	D · FL		Apr 12, 2018
Rep. O'Halleran, Tom [D-AZ-1]	D · AZ		Jul 12, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 29, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Economics and Public Finance

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 SJRES 39	Related bill	Mar 30, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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, receipts derived from borrowing, and receipts or outlays of the Social Security and Medicare trust funds.

The amendment requires the President to annually submit to Congress a budget in which total outlays do not exceed total receipts.

The balanced budget requirement does not apply if:

- a declaration of war is in effect or if the United States is engaged in military conflict which causes an imminent and serious military threat to national security, or
- during the fiscal year or preceding fiscal year, the U.S. economy grew by less than 0% in real gross domestic product during two or more consecutive quarters or the unemployment rate was more than 7% during two or more consecutive months.

The amendment prohibits a court from enforcing the requirements by ordering cuts to Social Security or Medicare payments unless the funds available to the trust fund for a program are not sufficient to cover the outlays that would occur during the year if the fund were fully solvent.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 29, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 29, 2017:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H5361-5362)
- **Jun 29, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Jun 29, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.