

# HJRES 119

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

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Economics and Public Finance

**Introduced:** Oct 23, 2017

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

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice. (Nov 1, 2017)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-joint-resolution/119>

## Sponsor

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

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Rep. Bishop, Mike [R-MI-8]	R · MI		Oct 23, 2017
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Rep. Griffith, H. Morgan [R-VA-9]	R · VA		Oct 23, 2017
Rep. Guthrie, Brett [R-KY-2]	R · KY		Oct 23, 2017
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Rep. Massie, Thomas [R-KY-4]	R · KY		Oct 23, 2017
Rep. Meadows, Mark [R-NC-11]	R · NC		Oct 23, 2017
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Rep. Palazzo, Steven M. [R-MS-4]	R · MS		Oct 23, 2017
Rep. Sanford, Mark [R-SC-1]	R · SC		Oct 23, 2017
Rep. Sensenbrenner, F. James, Jr. [R-WI-5]	R · WI		Oct 23, 2017
Rep. Webster, Daniel [R-FL-11]	R · FL		Oct 23, 2017
Rep. Zeldin, Lee M. [R-NY-1]	R · NY		Apr 11, 2018

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 1, 2017

## Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Economics and Public Finance

## Related Bills

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*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Oct 23, 2017)

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### 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

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- **Nov 1, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
- **Oct 23, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 23, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.