

HJRES 18

Proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution requiring that each agency and department's funding is justified.

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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 11, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Economics and Public Finance

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HJRES 2	Related bill	Apr 12, 2018: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution Failed by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 233 - 184 (Roll no. 138). (text: CR H3162)
115 HJRES 109	Related bill	Jul 19, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
115 HJRES 1	Related bill	Jan 11, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
115 HJRES 14	Related bill	Jan 11, 2017: 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: (1) Congress authorizes the excess by a three-fifths vote of each chamber, and (2) total outlays do not exceed a specified percentage of the estimated gross domestic product of the United States. The prohibition excludes outlays for repayment of debt principal and receipts derived from borrowing.

The amendment requires a three-fifths vote of each chamber of Congress to increase revenue or increase the limit on the debt of the United States.

The President must submit an annual budget in which total outlays do not exceed total receipts and that includes justifications and specified details regarding funding proposed for departments and agencies.

Congress may waive the requirements due to a declaration of war, a military conflict, an event that causes an imminent and serious military threat to national security, or a natural disaster.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 11, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
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- **Jan 4, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.