

## HJRES 2

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:** Jan 3, 2017

**Current Status:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution Failed by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required):

**Latest Action:** 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) (Apr 12, 2018)

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

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Rep. Gallagher, Mike [R-WI-8]	R · WI		Apr 5, 2017
Rep. Gianforte, Greg [R-MT-At Large]	R · MT		Jun 21, 2017
Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-12]	R · FL		Jul 12, 2017
Rep. Thornberry, Mac [R-TX-13]	R · TX		Jul 12, 2017
Rep. Chabot, Steve [R-OH-1]	R · OH		Jul 26, 2017
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Rep. Mast, Brian J. [R-FL-18]	R · FL		Nov 16, 2017
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Rep. Sessions, Pete [R-TX-32]	R · TX		Jan 12, 2018
Rep. Simpson, Michael K. [R-ID-2]	R · ID		Feb 2, 2018
Rep. Latta, Robert E. [R-OH-5]	R · OH		Feb 27, 2018
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Rep. Garrett, Thomas A., Jr. [R-VA-5]	R · VA		Apr 11, 2018
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Rep. Hudson, Richard [R-NC-8]	R · NC		Apr 11, 2018
Rep. Palazzo, Steven M. [R-MS-4]	R · MS		Apr 11, 2018

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 11, 2017

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Economics and Public Finance

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HJRES 109	Related bill	Jul 19, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
115 HJRES 98	Related bill	Apr 21, 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 8	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.
115 HJRES 18	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 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 amendment requires a three-fifths roll call vote of each chamber of Congress to increase the public debt limit. It requires a majority roll vote of each chamber to increase revenue. It also requires the President to submit a balanced budget to Congress annually.

Congress is authorized to waive these requirements when a declaration of war is in effect or if the United States is engaged in a military conflict which causes an imminent and serious military threat to national security.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Apr 12, 2018:** Mr. Goodlatte moved to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.
- **Apr 12, 2018:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H3162-3192)
- **Apr 12, 2018:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 811, the House proceeded with 4 hours of debate on H.J. Res. 2.
- **Apr 12, 2018:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Apr 12, 2018:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H3193)
- **Apr 12, 2018:** Failed of passage/not agreed to in House: 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)
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- **Jan 11, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
- **Jan 3, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 3, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.