

HJRES 29

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States requiring that the Federal budget be balanced.

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Economics and Public Finance

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice. (Jan 31, 2017)

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (14 total)

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Rep. Brat, Dave [R-VA-7]	R · VA		Jan 13, 2017
Rep. Carter, Earl L. "Buddy" [R-GA-1]	R · GA		Jan 13, 2017
Rep. Collins, Doug [R-GA-9]	R · GA		Jan 13, 2017
Rep. Davis, Rodney [R-IL-13]	R · IL		Jan 13, 2017
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Rep. Gowdy, Trey [R-SC-4]	R · SC		Jan 13, 2017
Rep. Griffith, H. Morgan [R-VA-9]	R · VA		Jan 13, 2017
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Rep. Noem, Kristi L. [R-SD-At Large]	R · SD		Jan 13, 2017
Rep. Schweikert, David [R-AZ-6]	R · AZ		Jan 13, 2017
Rep. Smith, Lamar [R-TX-21]	R · TX		Jan 13, 2017
Rep. Tenney, Claudia [R-NY-22]	R · NY		Apr 25, 2017
Rep. Messer, Luke [R-IN-6]	R · IN		May 4, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 31, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Economics and Public Finance

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 SJRES 7	Related bill	Jan 24, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Summary (as of Jan 13, 2017)

Constitutional Amendment

This joint resolution proposes a constitutional amendment prohibiting total outlays for a fiscal year from exceeding total receipts for that fiscal year or 18% of the U.S. gross domestic product unless Congress authorizes the excess by a two-thirds vote of each chamber. The prohibition excludes outlays for repayment of debt principal and receipts derived from borrowing.

The amendment requires a two-thirds vote of each chamber of Congress to levy a new tax, increase the rate of any tax, or increase the debt limit.

The amendment provides any Member of Congress with standing and a cause of action to seek judicial enforcement of this amendment if authorized by a petition signed by one-third of the Members of either house of Congress. Courts are prohibited from ordering any increase in revenue to enforce this amendment.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 31, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
- **Jan 13, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 13, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.