

HJRES 8

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to provide for balanced budgets for the Government.

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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 11, 2017)

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Sponsor

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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 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 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 Congress authorizes the excess by a two-thirds roll call vote of each chamber.

The President must submit an annual budget in which total outlays for the fiscal year do not exceed total receipts.

Congress may waive the requirements for any fiscal year in which: (1) a declaration of war is in effect by a roll call vote, or (2) a declaration of a natural disaster or a national emergency is in effect that was declared by a joint resolution that became law after being adopted by a majority of each chamber of Congress.

Actions Timeline

- **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.