

## HJRES 6

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

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Economics and Public Finance

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### Sponsor

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

### Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Walden, Greg [R-OR-2]	R · OR		Jan 10, 2019
Rep. Hill, J. French [R-AR-2]	R · AR		Jan 11, 2019
Rep. Johnson, Dusty [R-SD-At Large]	R · SD		Oct 16, 2019
Rep. Duncan, Jeff [R-SC-3]	R · SC		Jan 27, 2020
Rep. Banks, Jim [R-IN-3]	R · IN		Aug 25, 2020

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 3, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Economics and Public Finance

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HJRES 55	Related bill	May 3, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
116 HJRES 50	Related bill	Apr 8, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
116 HJRES 51	Related bill	Mar 14, 2019: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
116 SJRES 5	Related bill	Jan 24, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
116 HJRES 22	Related bill	Jan 8, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
116 SJRES 3	Related bill	Jan 4, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
116 HJRES 5	Related bill	Jan 3, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
116 HJRES 11	Related bill	Jan 3, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.

## 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 prohibits total outlays for any fiscal year from exceeding one-fifth of the economic output of the United States, unless two-thirds of each house of Congress provides for a specific increase above this amount.

The amendment requires a three-fifths roll call vote of each chamber of Congress to increase the public debt limit or 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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- **Jan 3, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 3, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Jan 3, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.