

HJRES 13

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

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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, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties. (Mar 4, 2021)

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Rep. Cloud, Michael [R-TX-27]	R · TX		Dec 6, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 4, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Economics and Public Finance

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HJRES 32	Related bill	Mar 19, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
117 HJRES 3	Related bill	Mar 4, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.

Summary (as of Jan 4, 2021)

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 amendment also requires the President to submit an annual budget in which total outlays do not exceed total receipts. The President's budget must also include 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

- **Mar 4, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
- **Jan 4, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 4, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

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