

HJRES 3

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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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties. (Mar 4, 2021)

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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 106	Related bill	Dec 23, 2022: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
117 HJRES 78	Related bill	Nov 1, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
117 HJRES 32	Related bill	Mar 19, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
117 HJRES 2	Related bill	Mar 4, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
117 HJRES 13	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 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 roll call votes of (1) three-fifths of each chamber of Congress to increase the public debt limit, and (2) a majority of each chamber for legislation increasing 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

- **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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