

SJRES 19

A joint resolution proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Economics and Public Finance

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Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Braun, Mike [R-IN]

Party: Republican • **State:** IN • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 15, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Economics and Public Finance

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HJRES 80	Related bill	Jul 13, 2023: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H3601)

Summary (as of Mar 15, 2023)

This joint resolution proposes a constitutional amendment that requires federal expenditures and receipts to be balanced, which may occur over more than one year.

Under the amendment, expenditures include all federal expenditures except those for payment of debt. Receipts do not include receipts derived from borrowing.

The amendment requires Congress to achieve balance within 10 years of the ratification of the amendment.

In an emergency situation, two-thirds of the House of Representatives and the Senate may authorize additional expenditures that are not otherwise permitted by the amendment. The additional expenditures must be for a limited time, and debts incurred from the expenditures must be paid as soon as practicable.

Actions Timeline

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