

## HJRES 21

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

**Congress:** 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Economics and Public Finance

**Introduced:** Jan 12, 2023

**Current Status:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary. (Jan 12, 2023)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-joint-resolution/21>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Van Orden, Derrick [R-WI-3]

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

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 12, 2023

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Economics and Public Finance

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HJRES 55	Related bill	<b>Apr 18, 2023:</b> Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
118 HJRES 15	Related bill	<b>Jan 11, 2023:</b> Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
118 HJRES 12	Related bill	<b>Jan 9, 2023:</b> Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

## Summary (as of Jan 12, 2023)

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This joint resolution proposes a constitutional amendment prohibiting total outlays for a fiscal year from exceeding total receipts for that fiscal year unless Congress declares an emergency and authorizes the excess by a three-fifths roll call vote of each chamber. The prohibition excludes outlays for payment of debt and receipts derived from borrowing.

The amendment requires a three-fifths roll call vote of each chamber to increase the public debt limit and a majority roll call vote of each chamber for bills that increase revenue.

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

Congress may waive these requirements due to a declaration of war or a military conflict that causes an imminent and serious military threat to national security.

## Actions Timeline

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