

HJRES 55

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: Apr 18, 2023

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

Latest Action: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary. (Apr 18, 2023)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Yakym, Rudy [R-IN-2]

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 18, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Economics and Public Finance

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 SJRES 13	Related bill	Feb 9, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
118 HJRES 19	Related bill	Jan 12, 2023: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
118 HJRES 21	Related bill	Jan 12, 2023: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
118 HJRES 15	Related bill	Jan 11, 2023: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
118 HJRES 2	Related bill	Jan 9, 2023: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
118 HJRES 12	Identical bill	Jan 9, 2023: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

Summary (as of Apr 18, 2023)

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 a three-fifths roll call vote of each chamber to increase the public debt limit. It prohibits a bill to increase revenue from becoming law unless it has been approved by a majority roll call vote of each chamber.

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

- **Apr 18, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 18, 2023:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H1770)
- **Apr 18, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.