

HJRES 139

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States requiring a balanced budget for the Federal Government.

Congress: 119 (2025–2027, Current)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Economics and Public Finance

Introduced: Jan 9, 2026

Current Status: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution Failed by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required):

Latest Action: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution Failed by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 211 - 207 (Roll no. 95). (Mar 18, 2026)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-joint-resolution/139>

Sponsor

Name: Rep. Biggs, Andy [R-AZ-5]

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Clyde, Andrew S. [R-GA-9]	R · GA		Jan 12, 2026
Rep. Brecheen, Josh [R-OK-2]	R · OK		Jan 13, 2026

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 9, 2026
Judiciary Committee	House	Markup By	Feb 3, 2026
Judiciary Committee	House	Reported By	Feb 25, 2026

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Economics and Public Finance

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

This joint resolution proposes a constitutional amendment prohibiting total federal expenditures for a year from exceeding the average annual federal receipts collected in the three prior years, adjusted for changes in the population of U.S. citizens and inflation. Expenditures for payment of debt and receipts derived from borrowing are excluded.

Under the amendment, Congress may authorize specific expenditures in excess of the limit with (1) a roll call vote of two-thirds of each chamber, or (2) a roll call vote for any year in which a declaration of war is in effect.

The amendment also prohibits any bill to levy a new tax or increase the rate of any tax from becoming law unless it has been approved by a roll call vote of two-thirds of the whole number of each chamber of Congress.

The requirements take effect in the fifth year beginning after ratification of the amendment.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 18, 2026:** Mr. Biggs (AZ) moved to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.
- **Mar 18, 2026:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2560-2568; text: CR H2560-2561)
- **Mar 18, 2026:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 1115, the House proceeded with one hour of debate on H.J. Res. 139
- **Mar 18, 2026:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Mar 18, 2026:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H2583-2584)
- **Mar 18, 2026:** Failed of passage/not agreed to in House On motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution Failed by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 211 - 207 (Roll no. 95).
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- **Feb 25, 2026:** Reported by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 119-520.
- **Feb 25, 2026:** Placed on the House Calendar, Calendar No. 63.
- **Feb 3, 2026:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
- **Feb 3, 2026:** Ordered to be Reported by the Yeas and Nays: 16 - 10.
- **Jan 9, 2026:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 9, 2026:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

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