

House Calendar No. 63

119TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. J. RES. 139

[Report No. 119–520]

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 9, 2026

Mr. BIGGS of Arizona submitted the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

FEBRUARY 25, 2026

Additional sponsors: Mr. CLYDE and Mr. BRECHEEN

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JOINT RESOLUTION

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- 1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
- 2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled*
- 3 *(two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the fol-*
- 4 *lowing article is proposed as an amendment to the Con-*

1 stitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all
2 intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when
3 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several
4 States:

5 “ARTICLE —

6 “SECTION 1. Total expenditures for a year shall not
7 exceed the average annual receipts collected in the three
8 prior years, adjusted in proportion to the changes in the
9 population of citizens of the United States and inflation.
10 Total expenditures shall include all expenditures of the
11 United States except those for payment of debt, and re-
12 ceipts shall include all receipts of the United States except
13 those derived from borrowing.

14 “SECTION 2. Congress may by a roll call vote of two-
15 thirds of each House provide by law for specific expendi-
16 tures in excess of the limit in section 1.

17 “SECTION 3. Congress may by a roll call vote provide
18 by law for specific expenditures in excess of the limit in
19 section 1 for any year in which a declaration of war is
20 in effect.

21 “SECTION 4. Any bill to levy a new tax or to increase
22 the rate of any tax shall not become law unless approved
23 by two-thirds of the whole number of each House of Con-
24 gress by a roll call vote.

1 “SECTION 5. Congress shall enforce and implement
2 this article by appropriate legislation.

3 “SECTION 6. This article shall take effect with the
4 fifth year beginning after ratification.”.

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