

Suspend the Rules and Pass the Resolution, H. Con. Res. 44

(The amendment strikes all after the resolving clause and inserts a new text)

117TH CONGRESS
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H. CON. RES. 44

Providing for a joint hearing of the Committees on the Budget of the House of Representatives and the Senate to receive a presentation from the Comptroller General of the United States regarding the audited financial statement of the executive branch.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 29, 2021

Miss RICE of New York (for herself, Mr. ALLRED, Mr. BARR, Ms. TENNEY, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. CASE, Mr. COOPER, Mr. CORREA, Mr. COSTA, Ms. CRAIG, Ms. DEAN, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. GRIFFITH, Mr. GROTHMAN, Mrs. HARTZLER, Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER, Mr. HIMES, Ms. HOULAHAN, Mr. HUIZENGA, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. JORDAN, Mr. KATKO, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. KILMER, Mr. KIM of New Jersey, Mr. KIND, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Ms. KUSTER, Mrs. LESKO, Mrs. LURIA, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. MANN, Mr. MAST, Ms. MENG, Mr. MOORE of Utah, Mrs. MURPHY of Florida, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. O'HALLERAN, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. PERRY, Mr. PETERS, Mr. PHILLIPS, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. RESCHENTHALER, Mr. SAN NICOLAS, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. SMUCKER, Mr. STEIL, Mr. STEUBE, Ms. STEVENS, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. TIFFANY, Mr. TONKO, Mr. TRONE, Mr. VALADAO, Mr. VAN DREW, Mr. ZELDIN, Ms. SHERRILL, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. MOULTON, Mrs. BUSTOS, Mr. WELCH, Mr. JOYCE of Ohio, Ms. SLOTKIN, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Ms. SPANBERGER, and Mr. LAMALFA) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Providing for a joint hearing of the Committees on the

Budget of the House of Representatives and the Senate to receive a presentation from the Comptroller General of the United States regarding the audited financial statement of the executive branch.

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring),*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This resolution may be cited as the “Fiscal State of
5 the Nation Resolution”.

6 **SEC. 2. ANNUAL JOINT HEARING OF BUDGET COMMITTEES**

7 **TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION BY THE COMP-**
8 **TROLLER GENERAL.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 45 days (excluding
10 Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays) after the date on which
11 the Secretary of the Treasury submits to Congress the au-
12 dited financial statement required under paragraph (1) of
13 section 331(e) of title 31, United States Code, on a date
14 agreed upon by the chairs of the Committees on the Budg-
15 et of the House of Representatives and the Senate (here-
16 after referred to as the “Budget Committees”) and the
17 Comptroller General of the United States, the Budget
18 Committees shall hold a joint hearing (hereafter referred
19 to as the “Joint Hearing”) to receive a presentation from
20 the Comptroller General reviewing the findings of the
21 audit required under paragraph (2) of such section and
22 providing, with respect to the information included by the

1 Secretary in the report accompanying such audited finan-
2 cial statement, an analysis of the financial position and
3 condition of the Federal Government, including financial
4 measures (such as the net operating cost, income, budget
5 deficits, or budget surpluses) and sustainability measures
6 (such as the long-term fiscal projection or social insurance
7 projection) described in such report.

8 (b) PRESENTATION OF STATEMENT IN ACCORDANCE
9 WITH GAO STRATEGIES AND MEANS.—The Comptroller
10 General of the United States shall ensure that the presen-
11 tation at the Joint Hearing is made in accordance with
12 the Strategies and Means of the Government Account-
13 ability Office, so that the presentation will provide profes-
14 sional, objective, fact-based, nonpartisan, nonideological,
15 fair, and balanced information to the members attending
16 the Joint Hearing.

17 (c) RULES APPLICABLE TO JOINT HEARING.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
19 graphs (2) and (3), the Joint Hearing shall be sub-
20 ject to rules agreed to by the chairs of the Budget
21 Committees.

22 (2) OPEN HEARING.—The Joint Hearing shall
23 be open to the public, including to radio, television,
24 and still photography coverage.

1 (3) ATTENDANCE.—The Joint Hearing shall
2 accommodate non-participatory attendance by any
3 Senator and any Member of the House of Represent-
4 atives, including any Delegate or Resident Commis-
5 sioner to the Congress.

6 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The requirement under sub-
7 section (a) shall apply with respect to any audited finan-
8 cial statement submitted on or after the date of the enact-
9 ment of this resolution.