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H. J. RES. 76

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing the President to disapprove or reduce an item of appropriations.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CLEMENT (for himself, Mr. MONTGOMERY, Mr. GORDON, Mr. PORTER, Mr. LANCASTER, and Mr. BATEMAN) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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-*
5 *stitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all*
6 *intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when*
7 *ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several*

1 States within seven years after the date of its submission
2 for ratification:

3 “ARTICLE —

4 “The President may reduce or disapprove any item
5 of appropriation in any Act or joint resolution, except any
6 item of appropriation for the legislative branch of the Gov-
7 ernment. If any Act or joint resolution is approved by the
8 President, any item of appropriation contained therein
9 which is not reduced or disapproved shall become law. The
10 President shall return with his objections any item of ap-
11 propriation reduced or disapproved to the House in which
12 the Act or joint resolution containing such item originated.
13 The Congress may, in the manner prescribed under sec-
14 tion 7 of article I for Acts disapproved by the President,
15 reconsider any item disapproved or reduced under this ar-
16 ticle, except that only a majority vote of each House shall
17 be required to approve an item which has been dis-
18 approved or to restore an item which has been reduced
19 by the President to the original amount contained in the
20 Act or joint resolution.”.

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