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H. J. RES. 118

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to authorize
the line item veto.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ANDREWS introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to
the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

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States to authorize the line item veto.

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
8 States within seven years after the date of its submission
9 for ratification:

1 “ARTICLE —

2 “In the case of any bill, order, resolution, or vote
3 which is presented to the President under section 7 of Ar-
4 ticle I of this Constitution, the President may decline to
5 approve in whole any dollar amount of discretionary budg-
6 et authority, any item of new direct spending, or any lim-
7 ited tax benefit. The failure of the President to approve
8 a matter under this article of amendment shall be treated
9 in the same manner as the failure of the President to ap-
10 prove a bill, order, resolution, or vote presented to the
11 President under section 7 of Article I of this Constitu-
12 tion.”.

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