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# H. J. RES. 72

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States allowing  
an item veto in appropriations bills.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 16, 1997

Mrs. EMERSON (for herself and Mr. CONDIT) introduced the following joint  
resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United  
States allowing an item veto in appropriations bills.

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, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes  
6       as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legisla-  
7       tures of three-fourths of the several States:

8                               “ARTICLE —

9               “SECTION 1. The President shall have the power to  
10       disapprove any appropriation or provision and approve any

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1 other appropriation or provision in the same appropriation  
2 bill. In such case he shall, in signing the bill, designate  
3 the appropriations and provisions disapproved; and shall  
4 return a copy of such appropriations and provisions, with  
5 his objections, to the House in which the bill shall have  
6 originated; and the same proceedings shall then be had  
7 as in case of other bills disapproved by the President.

8       “SECTION 2. This article shall be inoperative unless  
9 it shall have been ratified as an amendment to the Con-  
10 stitution by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several  
11 States within seven years from the date of its submis-  
12 sion.”.

