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# H. J. RES. 20

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the line item veto.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 19, 1999

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

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# 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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