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an item veto of appropriation bills.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania (for himself and Mr. BALDACCI) 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 to allow an item veto of appropriation 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 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 “The President may disapprove any item of appro-  
3 priation in any bill. If any bill is approved by the Presi-  
4 dent, any item of appropriation contained therein which  
5 is not disapproved shall become law. The President shall  
6 return with his objections any item of appropriation dis-  
7 approved to the House in which the bill containing such  
8 item originated. The Congress may, in the manner pre-  
9 scribed under section 7 of article I for bills disapproved  
10 by the President, reconsider any item disapproved under  
11 this article.”.

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