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Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States granting the President the authority to exercise an item veto of individual appropriations in an appropriations bill

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. ALLARD introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and 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
4 following 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 7 years after the date of its submission by
2 the Congress:

3 “ARTICLE—

4 “SECTION 1. The President shall have the power to
5 disapprove any appropriation of an appropriations bill at
6 the time the President approves the bill. The appropria-
7 tions in the bill not disapproved shall become law upon
8 approval by the President.

9 “SECTION 2. If the President disapproves an appro-
10 priation pursuant to this article, in signing the bill con-
11 taining the appropriation, the President shall return a
12 copy of the disapproved appropriation, with a statement
13 of the reasons for the disapproval, to the House in which
14 the appropriations bill originated. The House in which the
15 appropriations bill originated may then reconsider the dis-
16 approved appropriation in a bill as provided for a bill re-
17 turned by the President under section 7 of article I. If
18 the bill is approved as provided under section 7 of article
19 I it shall become law.”.

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