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# H. J. RES. 23

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to allow  
an item veto of appropriation bills.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 28, 2001

Mr. ENGLISH (for himself, Mr. LUTHER, Mr. BALDACCI, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. GOODE, Mr. SCHAFER, Mr. GREENWOOD, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. KOLBE, Mr. GOSS, Mr. SIMMONS, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. CAMP, and Mr. OXLEY) 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

1 States within seven years after the date of its submission  
2 for ratification:

3 “ARTICLE —

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

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