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H. RES. 397

Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to require a three-fifths vote to pass any measure the enactment of which would result in a deficit in the unified budget of the United States for any fiscal year.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 25, 2002

Mr. TANNER (for himself, Mr. MATHESON, Mr. HILL, Mr. MOORE, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. PHELPS, Mr. BERRY, Mr. SANDLIN, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. ROSS, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. ISRAEL, and Mr. BISHOP) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved*, That rule XXI of the Rules of the House
2 of Representatives is amended by adding at the end the
3 following new clause:

4 “7. (a) A bill or joint resolution, amendment, or con-
5 ference report the enactment of which would result in a
6 deficit in the unified budget of the United States for any
7 fiscal year may not be considered as passed or agreed to

1 unless so determined by a vote of not less than three-fifths
2 of the Members voting, a quorum being present.

3 “(b) For purposes of this clause, the levels of outlays
4 and revenues for a fiscal year shall be determined on the
5 basis of estimates made by the Committee on the Budget.

6 “(c) This clause is waived while a declaration of war
7 is in effect or during a military conflict.”.

