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# H. J. RES. 71

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to authorize the President to reduce or disapprove any appropriation in any bill presented by Congress.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 4, 2005

Mr. KENNEDY of Minnesota introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## 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 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        “SECTION 1. The President may reduce or disapprove  
3    any appropriation in any bill, order, resolution, or vote,  
4    which is presented to the President under section 7 of Ar-  
5    ticle I.

6        “SECTION 2. Any legislation that the President ap-  
7    proves and signs, after being amended pursuant to section  
8    1, shall become law as so modified.

9        “The President shall return those portions of the leg-  
10  islation that contain reduced or disapproved appropria-  
11  tions with objections to the House where such legislation  
12  originated.

13       “Congress may separately consider any reduced or  
14  disapproved appropriations in the manner prescribed  
15  under section 7 of Article I for bills disapproved by the  
16  President.

17       “SECTION 3. This article shall take effect on the first  
18  day of the first session of Congress beginning after the  
19  date of ratification.”.

