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# H. CON. RES. 44

Providing for a joint hearing of the Committees on the Budget of the House of Representatives and the Senate to receive a presentation from the Comptroller General of the United States regarding the audited financial statement of the executive branch.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 29, 2021

Miss RICE of New York (for herself, Mr. ALLRED, Mr. BARR, Ms. TENNEY, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. CASE, Mr. COOPER, Mr. CORREA, Mr. COSTA, Ms. CRAIG, Ms. DEAN, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. GRIFFITH, Mr. GROTHMAN, Mrs. HARTZLER, Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER, Mr. HIMES, Ms. HOULAHAN, Mr. HUIZENGA, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. JORDAN, Mr. KATKO, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. KILMER, Mr. KIM of New Jersey, Mr. KIND, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Ms. KUSTER, Mrs. LESKO, Mrs. LURIA, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. MANN, Mr. MAST, Ms. MENG, Mr. MOORE of Utah, Mrs. MURPHY of Florida, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. O'HALLERAN, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. PERRY, Mr. PETERS, Mr. PHILLIPS, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. RESCHENTHALER, Mr. SAN NICOLAS, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. SMUCKER, Mr. STEIL, Mr. STEUBE, Ms. STEVENS, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. TIFFANY, Mr. TONKO, Mr. TRONE, Mr. VALADAO, Mr. VAN DREW, Mr. ZELDIN, Ms. SHERRILL, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. MOULTON, Mrs. BUSTOS, Mr. WELCH, Mr. JOYCE of Ohio, Ms. SLOTKIN, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Ms. SPANBERGER, and Mr. LAMALFA) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Providing for a joint hearing of the Committees on the Budget of the House of Representatives and the Senate to receive a presentation from the Comptroller General

of the United States regarding the audited financial statement of the executive branch.

1       *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
2 *concurring),*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This resolution may be cited as the “Fiscal State of  
5 the Nation Resolution”.

6 **SEC. 2. ANNUAL JOINT HEARING OF BUDGET COMMITTEES**

7                   **TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION BY THE COMP-**  
8                   **TROLLER GENERAL.**

9       (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 45 days (excluding  
10 Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays) after the date on which  
11 the Secretary of the Treasury submits to Congress the au-  
12 dited financial statement required under paragraph (1) of  
13 section 331(e) of title 31, United States Code, on a date  
14 agreed upon by the chairs of the Committees on the Budg-  
15 et of the House of Representatives and the Senate (here-  
16 after referred to as the “Budget Committees”) and the  
17 Comptroller General of the United States, the chairs shall  
18 conduct a joint hearing to receive a presentation from the  
19 Comptroller General reviewing the findings of the audit  
20 required under paragraph (2) of such section and pro-  
21 viding, with respect to the information included by the  
22 Secretary in the report accompanying such audited finan-  
23 cial statement, an analysis of the financial position and  
24 condition of the Federal Government, including financial

1 measures (such as the net operating cost, income, budget  
 2 deficits, or budget surpluses) and sustainability measures  
 3 (such as the long-term fiscal projection or social insurance  
 4 projection) described in such report.

5 (b) PRESENTATION OF STATEMENT IN ACCORDANCE  
 6 WITH GAO STRATEGIES AND MEANS.—The Comptroller  
 7 General of the United States shall ensure that the presen-  
 8 tation at the joint hearing conducted under subsection (a)  
 9 is made in accordance with the Strategies and Means of  
 10 the Government Accountability Office, so that the presen-  
 11 tation will provide professional, objective, fact-based, non-  
 12 partisan, nonideological, fair, and balanced information to  
 13 the members attending the hearing.

14 (c) RULES APPLICABLE TO HEARING.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—The joint hearing conducted  
 16 by the chairs of Budget Committees under sub-  
 17 section (a) shall be conducted in accordance with the  
 18 Rules of the House of Representatives and the appli-  
 19 cable Standing Rules of the Senate which apply to  
 20 such a hearing, including the provisions requiring  
 21 hearings conducted by committees to be open to the  
 22 public, including to radio, television, and still pho-  
 23 tography coverage.

24 (2) PERMITTING PARTICIPATION BY SENATORS  
 25 AND MEMBERS NOT SERVING ON BUDGET COMMIT-

1       TEES.—Notwithstanding any provision of the Rules  
2       of the House of Representatives or the Standing  
3       Rules of the Senate, any Senator and any Member  
4       of the House of Representatives (including a Dele-  
5       gate or Resident Commissioner to the Congress)  
6       may participate in the joint hearing in the same  
7       manner and to the same extent as a Senator or  
8       Member of the House of Representatives who is a  
9       member of either of the Budget Committees.

10       (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The requirement under sub-  
11       section (a) shall apply with respect to any audited finan-  
12       cial statement submitted on or after the date of the enact-  
13       ment of this resolution.

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