

117<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. CON. RES. 44

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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.**

1           (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 45 days (excluding  
2 Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays) after the date on which  
3 the Secretary of the Treasury submits to Congress the au-  
4 dited financial statement required under paragraph (1) of  
5 section 331(e) of title 31, United States Code, on a date  
6 agreed upon by the chairs of the Committees on the Budg-  
7 et of the House of Representatives and the Senate (here-  
8 after referred to as the “Budget Committees”) and the  
9 Comptroller General of the United States, the Budget  
10 Committees shall hold a joint hearing (hereafter referred  
11 to as the “Joint Hearing”) to receive a presentation from  
12 the Comptroller General reviewing the findings of the  
13 audit required under paragraph (2) of such section and  
14 providing, with respect to the information included by the  
15 Secretary in the report accompanying such audited finan-  
16 cial statement, an analysis of the financial position and  
17 condition of the Federal Government, including financial  
18 measures (such as the net operating cost, income, budget  
19 deficits, or budget surpluses) and sustainability measures  
20 (such as the long-term fiscal projection or social insurance  
21 projection) described in such report.

22           (b) PRESENTATION OF STATEMENT IN ACCORDANCE  
23 WITH GAO STRATEGIES AND MEANS.—The Comptroller  
24 General of the United States shall ensure that the presen-  
25 tation at the Joint Hearing is made in accordance with

1 the Strategies and Means of the Government Account-  
2 ability Office, so that the presentation will provide profes-  
3 sional, objective, fact-based, nonpartisan, nonideological,  
4 fair, and balanced information to the members attending  
5 the Joint Hearing.

6 (c) RULES APPLICABLE TO JOINT HEARING.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-  
8 graphs (2) and (3), the Joint Hearing shall be sub-  
9 ject to rules agreed to by the chairs of the Budget  
10 Committees.

11 (2) OPEN HEARING.—The Joint Hearing shall  
12 be open to the public, including to radio, television,  
13 and still photography coverage.

14 (3) ATTENDANCE.—The Joint Hearing shall  
15 accommodate non-participatory attendance by any  
16 Senator and any Member of the House of Represent-  
17 atives, including any Delegate or Resident Commis-  
18 sioner to the Congress.

19 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The requirement under sub-  
20 section (a) shall apply with respect to any audited finan-

1 cial statement submitted on or after the date of the enact-  
2 ment of this resolution.

Passed the House of Representatives November 3,  
2021.

Attest:

*Clerk.*



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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.