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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; referred to the Committee on the Budget

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.**

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

- 1 financial statement submitted on or after the date of the
- 2 enactment of this resolution.

Passed the House of Representatives November 3,
2021.

Attest: CHERYL L. JOHNSON,
Clerk.