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H. RES. 1450

Reaffirming the House of Representatives priority over the collection and expenditure of revenue under the Origination Clause of the Constitution.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 16, 2024

Mr. EDWARDS (for himself, Mr. NORMAN, and Mr. CLINE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Budget, and in addition to the Committees on Appropriations, Ways and Means, and Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

RESOLUTION

Reaffirming the House of Representatives priority over the collection and expenditure of revenue under the Origination Clause of the Constitution.

Whereas the power of origination in the House of Representatives was decided by the Framers of the Constitution as a part of the Great Compromise, adopted on July 16, 1787;

Whereas article I, section 7, clause 1 of the Constitution, signed on September 17, 1787, states, “All Bills for raising Revenue shall originate in the House of Representatives; but the Senate may propose or concur with Amendments as on other Bills”;

Whereas article I, section 7, clause 1 of the Constitution provides the power of origination for all revenue bills including bills affecting taxation and appropriations;

Whereas the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 requires the establishment of section 302(a) allocations and section 302(b) suballocations for both the Senate and House of Representatives as the primary means of enforcement for spending levels in the congressional budget process;

Whereas, despite section 302(a) allocations and section 302(b) suballocations, differences often occur between the total funding levels for programs across chambers and final section 302(b) suballocations are not established until the conference committee between the House of Representatives and the Senate;

Whereas the Framers granted the House of Representatives origination authority because they believed the House of Representatives would be more responsive to the people because of the smaller districts, shorter terms, and the Members being directly elected by the people; and

Whereas Members of the House of Representatives have a duty to the people of the United States to fully fund the Federal Government within the guardrails of fiscal responsibility and stewardship and facilitate a seamless and timely congressional budget process: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) reaffirms its priority over the Senate for all
3 taxation and appropriations in the congressional
4 budget process;

1 (2) reiterates its authority to establish and
2 maintain section 302(b) suballocations for all sub-
3 committee spending levels; and

4 (3) states its intention to prioritize fiscal re-
5 sponsibility in fiscal year 2025 and all future con-
6 gressional budget processes.

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