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# H. R. 3379

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 1, 1996

Mr. CONDIT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, and in addition to the Committee on 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

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. PRESIDENT'S BUDGET.**

4       Section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code, is  
5       amended by adding at the end the following new para-  
6       graph:

1           “(32) A detailed plan to achieve a balanced  
2       Federal budget by the close of the sixth fiscal year  
3       beginning after the current fiscal year.”.

4   **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL TREATMENT OF BUDGET SUBMIS-**  
5                           **SIONS.**

6       Upon the submission by the President of a budget  
7   for the United States Government to the Congress pursu-  
8   ant to section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code,  
9   the Director of the Congressional Budget Office shall de-  
10  termine and certify whether the balanced budget plan sub-  
11  mitted pursuant to section 1105(a)(32) of that title does  
12  achieve a balanced budget. The Director shall inform the  
13  Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Secretary  
14  of the Senate of the results of the certification. If the  
15  budget is certified as not being in balance pursuant to  
16  such plan, the Clerk and the Secretary shall return the  
17  budget submission to the President.

18   **SEC. 3. POINT OF ORDER.**

19       (a) The Rules of the House of Representatives are  
20  amended by adding at the end the following new rule:

21                           “RULE LIII

22                           “BALANCED BUDGET ENFORCEMENT

23       “1. It shall not be in order in the House to consider  
24  any concurrent resolution on the budget unless it provides  
25  for a balanced budget for the United States Government.

1       “2. The House may waive the provisions of clause  
2 1 if a declaration of war is in effect or if the United States  
3 faces an imminent and serious military threat to national  
4 security and is so declared by a joint resolution (adopted  
5 by a majority of the whole number of each House) which  
6 becomes law.

7       (b) The second sentence of clause 4(b) of rule XI of  
8 the Rules of the House of Representatives is amended by  
9 inserting before the period at the end the following: “; nor  
10 shall it report any rule or order waiving clause 1 of rule  
11 LIII”.

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