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# H. RES. 686

Directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to place a real time display of the United States gross national debt in the main hearing room of the Committee on Appropriations and in the main hearing room of the Committee on the Budget.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 8, 2019

Mr. ROY (for himself, Mr. BROOKS of Alabama, and Mr. DUNCAN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

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## RESOLUTION

Directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to place a real time display of the United States gross national debt in the main hearing room of the Committee on Appropriations and in the main hearing room of the Committee on the Budget.

Whereas Members of Congress should keep the gross national debt in mind when debating legislation that would affect the Nation's fiscal situation;

Whereas by displaying our national debt in real time in the main hearing room of the Committee on Appropriations and in the main hearing room of the Committee on the Budget, Members of Congress can better debate our Nation's fiscal situation;

Whereas the national debt is the greatest threat to the national security of the United States;

Whereas the national debt has climbed past \$23 trillion;

Whereas the projected Federal deficit for 2020 is projected to be \$1 trillion;

Whereas we continue to accrue at least \$100 million in debt every hour;

Whereas Members of Congress refuse to balance the budget and reduce spending;

Whereas spending increases year after year with no end in sight;

Whereas the most recent spending bill has suspended the debt limit;

Whereas a real-time display of the gross national debt will inform each Member of the Committees of the need to take action to reduce the debt;

Whereas the exact amount of the gross national debt will be known and updated with every action affecting the amount of debt; and

Whereas display of the national debt in the main hearing room of the Committee on Appropriations and in the main hearing room of the Committee on the Budget of the House of Representatives will be a sign that representatives are committed to reducing the national debt:  
Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved,*

2       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

3       This Resolution may be cited as the “Know Debt  
4       Resolution”.

1 **SEC. 2. PLACEMENT OF NATIONAL DEBT CLOCK IN THE**  
2 **MAIN HEARING ROOM OF THE COMMITTEE**  
3 **ON APPROPRIATIONS AND IN THE MAIN**  
4 **HEARING ROOM OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE**  
5 **BUDGET.**

6 (a) RESPONSIBILITIES OF CLERK.—The Clerk of the  
7 House of Representatives shall place a real-time display  
8 of the United States gross national debt, as calculated by  
9 the Secretary of the Treasury, in the main hearing room  
10 of the Committee on Appropriations and in the main hear-  
11 ing room of the Committee on the Budget in clear view  
12 of the Members.

13 (b) REGULATIONS.—The Clerk shall carry out this  
14 resolution in accordance with regulations promulgated by  
15 the Committee on House Administration.

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