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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.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 26, 2019

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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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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.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 45 days (excluding
10 Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays) after the date on which
11 the Secretary of the Treasury submits to Congress the au-
12 dited financial statement required under paragraph (1) of
13 section 331(e) of title 31, United States Code, on a date
14 agreed upon by the chairs of the Committees on the Budg-
15 et of the House of Representatives and the Senate (here-
16 after referred to as the “Budget Committees”) and the
17 Comptroller General of the United States, the chairs shall
18 conduct a joint hearing to receive a presentation from the
19 Comptroller General reviewing the findings of the audit
20 required under paragraph (2) of such section and pro-

1 viding, with respect to the information included by the
 2 Secretary in the report accompanying such audited finan-
 3 cial statement, an analysis of the financial position and
 4 condition of the Federal Government, including financial
 5 measures (such as the net operating cost, income, budget
 6 deficits, or budget surpluses) and sustainability measures
 7 (such as the long-term fiscal projection or social insurance
 8 projection) described in such report.

9 (b) PRESENTATION OF STATEMENT IN ACCORDANCE
 10 WITH GAO STRATEGIES AND MEANS.—The Comptroller
 11 General of the United States shall ensure that the presen-
 12 tation at the joint hearing conducted under subsection (a)
 13 is made in accordance with the Strategies and Means of
 14 the Government Accountability Office, so that the presen-
 15 tation will provide professional, objective, fact-based, non-
 16 partisan, nonideological, fair, and balanced information to
 17 the members attending the hearing.

18 (c) RULES APPLICABLE TO HEARING.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—The joint hearing conducted
 20 by the chairs of Budget Committees under sub-
 21 section (a) shall be conducted in accordance with the
 22 Rules of the House of Representatives and the appli-
 23 cable Standing Rules of the Senate which apply to
 24 such a hearing, including the provisions requiring
 25 hearings conducted by committees to be open to the

1 public, including to radio, television, and still pho-
 2 tography coverage.

3 (2) PERMITTING PARTICIPATION BY SENATORS
 4 AND MEMBERS NOT SERVING ON BUDGET COMMIT-
 5 TEES.—Notwithstanding any provision of the Rules
 6 of the House of Representatives or the Standing
 7 Rules of the Senate, any Senator and any Member
 8 of the House of Representatives (including a Dele-
 9 gate or Resident Commissioner to the Congress)
 10 may participate in the joint hearing in the same
 11 manner and to the same extent as a Senator or
 12 Member of the House of Representatives who is a
 13 member of either of the Budget Committees.

14 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The requirement under sub-
 15 section (a) shall apply with respect to any audited finan-
 16 cial statement submitted on or after the date of the enact-
 17 ment of this resolution.

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