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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that a biennial budget process should be enacted in the second session of the 106th Congress.

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RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that a biennial budget process should be enacted in the second session of the 106th Congress.

Whereas the annual appropriations and budget process increasingly dominates the congressional agenda and Congress regularly fails to meet the deadlines of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974;

Whereas the design of the budget process has led to repetitive and time-consuming budget votes, decreasing the time available for systematic oversight of Federal programs

and delaying enactment of legislation necessary to fund the Government;

Whereas Congress' constitutional responsibility to improve the efficiency, economy, and effectiveness of governmental operations, evaluate programs and performance, detect and prevent poor administration, waste, or abuse in Government programs, ensure that executive policies reflect the public interest, ensure administrative compliance with legislative intent, and prevent executive encroachment on legislative authority and prerogatives is undermined by the current time-consuming and repetitive budget process;

Whereas an annual budget process encourages inefficiency in the management, stability, and predictability of Federal funding, particularly for States and localities;

Whereas a biennial budget process will reduce the number of budget-related votes during each Congress, enhance congressional oversight of Government operations, encourage longer time horizons in policy planning and greater stability in fiscal policy;

Whereas a biennial budget process was a principal recommendation of the 1993 Joint Committee on the Organization of Congress and the Vice President's National Performance Review; and

Whereas a bipartisan majority of Members of the House of Representatives and the Senate support biennial budget process legislation: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 representatives that a biennial budget process should be en-
3 acted in the second session of the 106th Congress.

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