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H. RES. 131

To preserve the constitutional role of the House of Representatives to originate revenue measures.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DEUTSCH submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

RESOLUTION

To preserve the constitutional role of the House of Representatives to originate revenue measures.

Whereas rule IX of the Rules of the House of Representatives provides that questions of privilege shall arise whenever the rights of the House collectively are affected;

Whereas, under the precedents, customs, and traditions of the House pursuant to rule IX, a question of privilege has arisen in cases involving the constitutional prerogatives of the House;

Whereas section 7 of Article I of the Constitution requires that revenue measures originate in the House of Representatives; and

Whereas the conference report on the bill H.R. 831 contained a targeted tax benefit which was not contained in the bill

as passed the House of Representatives and which was not contained in the amendment of the Senate: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Comptroller General of the United
2 States shall prepare and transmit, within 7 days after the
3 date of the adoption of this resolution, a report to the
4 House of Representatives containing the opinion of the
5 Comptroller General on whether the addition of a targeted
6 tax benefit by the conferees to the conference report on
7 the bill H.R. 831 (A bill to amend the Internal Revenue
8 Code of 1986 to permanently extend the deduction for the
9 health insurance costs of self-employed individuals, to re-
10 peal the provision permitting nonrecognition of gain on
11 sales and exchanges effectuating policies of the Federal
12 Communications Commission, and for other purposes) vio-
13 lates the requirement of the United States Constitution
14 that all revenue measures originate in the House of
15 Representatives.

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