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# H. CON. RES. 137

Expressing the sense of Congress that mediators should be used in discussions between Congress and the President to produce a balanced budget.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MINGE (for himself, Mr. BLUTE, Mr. BROWDER, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. KLUG, Mr. LIPINSKI, Ms. MCKINNEY, and Mr. QUINN) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress that mediators should be used in discussions between Congress and the President to produce a balanced budget.

Whereas Congress and the President have proposed budget reconciliation plans that balance in 7 years as scored by the Congressional Budget Office;

Whereas negotiations have been suspended and may not be resumed because of disagreements over the details of how to balance the budget;

Whereas the American people have called on the President and Congress to resolve their differences;

Whereas the benefits of balancing the budget may be lost if differences between the parties are not resolved;

Whereas our Nation has successfully mediated disputes in other regions and it is common practice in the private sector to appoint a mediator when negotiations reach an impasse: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of Congress that the  
3 President and Congress should use mediators to resolve  
4 differences over the task of balancing the budget in 7  
5 years.

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