

## HR 5178

### RAFT Act of 2019

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Economics and Public Finance

**Introduced:** Nov 19, 2019

**Current Status:** Referred to the Committee on Rules, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Committee on Rules, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned. (Nov 19, 2019)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Burchett, Tim [R-TN-2]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** TN • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Case, Ed [D-HI-1]	D · HI		Nov 19, 2019
Rep. Womack, Steve [R-AR-3]	R · AR		Nov 19, 2019
Rep. Phillips, Dean [D-MN-3]	D · MN		Jan 27, 2020
Rep. Rouda, Harley [D-CA-48]	D · CA		Mar 3, 2020

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Budget Committee	House	Referred To	Nov 19, 2019
Rules Committee	House	Referred To	Nov 19, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Economics and Public Finance

### Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## **Reforming America's Fiscal Toolkit Act of 2019 or the RAFT Act of 2019**

This bill modifies the federal budget process to provide for the establishment of a target for the ratio of the public debt to the estimated gross domestic product (GDP).

Specifically, the bill requires congressional budget resolutions to include a recommended ratio of public debt to GDP. In addition, congressional budget resolutions for even-numbered fiscal years must either (1) instruct one or more congressional committees to recommend changes in existing laws necessary to achieve the target ratio, or (2) request the establishment of a Joint Select Committee on Fiscal Responsibility to make the recommendations.

The bill also sets forth requirements for (1) establishing the Joint Select Committee on Fiscal Responsibility if it is requested, and (2) considering the recommendations of the joint committee or other congressional committees using expedited legislative procedures in the Senate.

### **Actions Timeline**

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