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Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to limit the pardon power of the President.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. OLSZEWSKI (for himself and Mr. BACON) submitted the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled*
3 *(two-thirds of each House concurring therein),* That the fol-
4 lowing article is proposed as an amendment to the Con-
5 stitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all
6 intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when
7 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several
8 States:

1 “ARTICLE —

2 “SECTION 1. The President shall transmit a notifica-
3 tion of a grant of a Reprieve or Pardon within 3 days
4 to the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speak-
5 er of the House of Representatives. Upon receipt of such
6 notification, Congress may, within 30 days, introduce a
7 Bill to nullify the Reprieve or Pardon. Upon introduction
8 of a Bill to nullify, Congress may pass, within 60 days,
9 the Bill by two-thirds vote of both Houses. If a Bill to
10 nullify a Reprieve or Pardon is not passed by Congress,
11 the Reprieve or Pardon shall become effective on the date
12 that is 90 days after the date in which the President noti-
13 fies the President pro tempore of the Senate and the
14 Speaker of the House of Representatives of a Reprieve or
15 Pardon.

16 “SECTION 2. Any Bill to nullify a Reprieve or Pardon
17 that is signed by 20 Representatives or 5 Senators shall
18 be voted on.

19 “SECTION 3. If the President fails to notify the Presi-
20 dent pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the
21 House of Representatives of a grant of a Reprieve or Par-
22 don within 3 days, the Reprieve or Pardon shall have no
23 force or effect.

1 “SECTION 4. The President may not grant a reprieve
2 or pardon of an offense against the United States that
3 was previously nullified by Congress.

4 “SECTION 5. The Congress shall have power to en-
5 force, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this arti-
6 cle.”.

