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Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States barring
Federal unfunded mandates to the States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey introduced the following joint resolution; which
was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United
States barring Federal unfunded mandates to the States.

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 within seven years of its submission for ratification:

1 “ARTICLE —

2 “No State shall be obligated to take any action under
3 Federal law (other than this Constitution), enacted after
4 the ratification of this article, unless the expenses of tak-
5 ing such action are paid by the Federal Government; nor
6 shall Congress impose any conditions upon spending
7 grants to the States unless such conditions are substan-
8 tially related to the specific subject matter to which the
9 funds are expended.”.

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