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H. RES. 272

Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to strike rule XXVIII, popularly known as the “Gephardt rule”, and to provide that any measure that increases the statutory limit on the public debt shall be stand alone and require a recorded vote.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 19, 2009

Mr. LAMBORN (for himself, Mr. AKIN, Mrs. BACHMANN, Mr. BARTLETT, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr. BROUN of Georgia, Mr. FORTENBERRY, Mr. GINGREY of Georgia, Mr. KINGSTON, Mrs. LUMMIS, Mr. MARCHANT, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. PAULSEN, Mr. PENCE, Mr. PITTS, Mr. SCALISE, Mr. SHADEGG, and Mr. WAMP) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

RESOLUTION

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- 1 *Resolved*, That rule XXVIII of the Rules of the House
- 2 of Representatives is amended to read as follows:

1 “RULE XXVIII

2 “STATUTORY LIMIT ON PUBLIC DEBT

3 “1. It shall not be in order to consider a bill, joint
4 resolution, or conference report carrying a change in the
5 statutory limit on the public debt unless it is entitled ‘In-
6 creasing the statutory limit on the public debt’. A bill,
7 joint resolution, or conference report so entitled may not
8 contain any provisions other than that changing the statu-
9 tory limit on the public debt.

10 “2. A bill, joint resolution, or conference report car-
11 rying a change in the statutory limit on the public debt
12 may not be considered as passed unless so determined by
13 a recorded vote.”.

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