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Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to require a two-thirds vote of each House of Congress to increase the statutory limit on the public debt.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NEUGEBAUER introduced 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

1 States within seven years after the date of its submission
2 for ratification:

3 “ARTICLE —

4 “SECTION 1. Congress shall, by law, establish a stat-
5 utory limit on the public debt. If such a limit is in effect
6 upon the date of adoption of this article, that limit shall
7 be the limit for purposes of this section.

8 “SECTION 2. The statutory limit on the public debt
9 may only be increased by the passage of legislation upon
10 the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Members of each
11 House, a quorum being present.”.

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