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Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States prohibiting the United States Government from increasing its debt except for a specific purpose by law adopted by three-fourths of the membership of each House of Congress.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 3, 2017

Mr. MCCLINTOCK (for himself, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, and Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina) 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

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

3 “ARTICLE —

4 “SECTION 1. The United States government may not
5 increase its debt except for a specific purpose by law
6 adopted by three-fourths of the membership of each House
7 of Congress.

8 “SECTION 2. This article shall take effect beginning
9 ten years after its ratification.”.

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