

103D CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. J. RES. 256

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States prohibiting Federal laws and rules that impose liability for conduct occurring before the date of enactment or issuance.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 8, 1993

Mr. RAMSTAD (for himself, Mr. GINGRICH, Mr. ARMEY, Mr. HYDE, Mr. McCOLLUM, Mr. DELAY, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. PAXON, Mr. ARCHER, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. COBLE, Mr. EMERSON, Mr. KIM, Mr. GILCHREST, Mr. CANADY, Mr. HERGER, Mr. SPENCE, Mr. EWING, Mr. POMBO, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. SMITH of Michigan, Mr. ZIMMER, Mr. GOSS, Mrs. FOWLER, Mr. BAKER of California, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. WOLF, Mr. McMILLAN, Mr. NUSSLE, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Mr. GALLO, Mr. DREIER, Mr. COX, Mr. CAMP, Mr. MYERS of Indiana, Mr. QUINN, Mr. SUNDQUIST, Mr. STUMP, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. BUYER, Mr. LINDER, Mr. UPTON, Mr. MOORHEAD, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. KING, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. FIELDS of Texas, Mr. ROTH, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. BLUTE, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. GEKAS, Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. ROGERS, Mr. CRANE, Mr. HANSEN, Mr. THOMAS of Wyoming, Mr. KLUG, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. TORKILDSEN, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. DICKEY, Mr. WELDON, Mr. MICA, Mr. SCHAEFER, Mr. PORTER, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. TALENT, Mr. SKEEN, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. WALSH, Mr. HANCOCK, Mr. SOLOMON, Mr. DUNN, Mr. OXLEY, Mr. HASTERT, Mr. MCKEON, Mr. HORN, Mr. FRANKS of Connecticut, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. ZELIFF, Mr. DORNAN, and Mr. HOBSON) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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# 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 within seven years after the date of its submission*  
9 *for ratification:*

10 "ARTICLE —

11 "Under any law enacted by the Congress or rule is-  
12 sued by a Federal entity, no person shall be liable for con-  
13 duct occurring, or with respect to income accruing, before  
14 the date of the enactment of the law or issuance of the  
15 rule.”.

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