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# H. J. RES. 171

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to permit the Congress to limit contributions and expenditures in elections for Federal office.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 29, 1996

Mr. LANTOS submitted 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 (two-*  
3 *thirds of each house concurring therein),* That the following  
4 article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution  
5 of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents  
6 and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by  
7 the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States with-  
8 in seven years from the date of its submission by the Con-  
9 gress:

## 1                     “ARTICLE —

2           “SECTION 1. The Congress shall have the power to  
3 set limits on expenditures made by, in support of, or in  
4 opposition to the nomination or election of any person to  
5 Federal office.

6           “SECTION 2. The Congress shall have the power to  
7 set limits on contributions by individuals or entities by,  
8 in support of, or in opposition to the nomination or elec-  
9 tion of any person to Federal office.

10          “SECTION 3. The Congress shall have the power to  
11 enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this  
12 article.”.

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