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H. R. 4027

To increase the statutory limit on the public debt and to require House and Senate votes on constitutional amendments to balance the Federal budget and to restrict new entitlement spending.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 10, 2014

Mr. CRAWFORD introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. PUBLIC DEBT LIMIT EXTENSION.**

4 Subsection (b) of section 3101 of title 31, United
5 States Code, is amended by striking out the dollar limita-
6 tion contained in such subsection and inserting
7 “\$19,250,000,000,000”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL VOTES REQUIRED ON CONSTITU-**
2 **TIONAL AMENDMENTS TO BALANCE THE**
3 **FEDERAL BUDGET AND TO RESTRICT NEW**
4 **ENTITLEMENT SPENDING.**

5 Within 45 days after the date of enactment of this
6 Act, the House of Representatives and the Senate shall
7 each vote upon a proposed amendment to the Constitution
8 of the United States entitled “Joint resolution proposing
9 a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the
10 United States” or entitled “Joint resolution proposing an
11 amendment to the Constitution of the United States to
12 restrict the power of Congress to enact legislation increas-
13 ing any amount spent under entitlement programs or cre-
14 ating new entitlement programs”. If such vote fails to
15 achieve a two-thirds majority in either House of Congress
16 then there shall be a vote in that House of Congress on
17 either such amendment within 90 days.

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