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H. J. RES. 126

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to control entitlement spending.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CRAWFORD (for himself, Mr. GRIFFIN of Arkansas, Mr. MEADOWS, Mr. COTTON, Mr. SCALISE, Mrs. NOEM, Mr. GRAVES of Georgia, Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. HARRIS, Mr. COLLINS of New York, Mr. MULVANEY, Mr. ROSS, Mr. SCHOCK, Mrs. WAGNER, Mr. MCHENRY, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. CULBERSON, Mr. ADERHOLT, and Mr. YODER) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to control entitlement spending.

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. No bill that increases the amount spent
5 under an entitlement program or creates a new entitle-
6 ment program shall become law unless the bill is approved
7 by a two-thirds majority of each House or provides that
8 such increase or program shall terminate after not more
9 than seven years.

10 “SECTION 2. No bill that increases the amount spent
11 under an entitlement program or creates a new entitle-
12 ment program shall become law unless the bill is spending
13 neutral or creates a net savings to the Government. After
14 enactment, if the bill is not spending neutral or does not
15 create a net savings to the Government when averaged
16 over the previous two fiscal years, the President shall im-
17 plement spending reductions within the program, which
18 Congress should prescribe, sufficient to offset the actual
19 increase in spending by the end of the fiscal year so that
20 it is either spending neutral or creates a net savings to
21 the Government.

22 “SECTION 3. For purposes of this article, the term
23 ‘entitlement program’ means a program under which the
24 United States is obligated to make such payments to any
25 person or government who meets the requirements estab-

1 lished by that law regardless of whether the funding for
2 such program is provided for in advance by an appropria-
3 tion Act.

4 “SECTION 4. Congress shall have the power to en-
5 force and implement this article by appropriate legisla-
6 tion.”.

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