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# H. J. RES. 63

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to require a two-thirds vote of each House of Congress to increase the statutory limit on the public debt.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 13, 2011

Mr. NEUGEBAUER 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

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

3 “ARTICLE —

4 “SECTION 1. Congress shall, by law, establish a stat-  
5 utory limit on the public debt. If such a limit is in effect  
6 upon the date of adoption of this article, that limit shall  
7 be the limit for purposes of this section.

8 “SECTION 2. The statutory limit on the public debt  
9 may only be increased by the passage of legislation upon  
10 the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Members of each  
11 House, a quorum being present.”.

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