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# H. R. 355

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 23, 2013

Mr. CRAWFORD introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Ways and Means

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## 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       “\$16,994,000,000,000” upon the certification by the

1 President of the submission to the States for their ratifica-  
2 tion of the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the  
3 United States described in section 2.

4 **SEC. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

5       The amendment made by section 1 shall not take ef-  
6 fect unless and until the date upon which the President  
7 certifies the Archivist of the United States has submitted  
8 to the States for their ratification a proposed amendment  
9 to the Constitution of the United States pursuant to a  
10 joint resolution entitled “Joint resolution proposing a bal-  
11 anced budget amendment to the Constitution of the  
12 United States”, “Joint resolution proposing a spending  
13 limit amendment to the Constitution of the United  
14 States”, or “Joint resolution proposing an amendment to  
15 the Constitution of the United States to restrict the power  
16 of Congress to enact legislation increasing any amount  
17 spent under entitlement programs or creating new entitle-  
18 ment programs”.

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