

By: Senator(s) Wiggins

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 524

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO PROPOSE AND SUBMIT  
2 TO THE STATES FOR RATIFICATION AN AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES  
3 CONSTITUTION PROVIDING THAT AN INCREASE IN THE FEDERAL DEBT  
4 REQUIRES APPROVAL FROM A MAJORITY OF LEGISLATURES OF THE SEPARATE  
5 STATES.

6 WHEREAS, the United States has operated on a budget deficit,  
7 including the 2021 budget year, which surpassed an astounding  
8 \$2.77 trillion, the second highest on record; and

9 WHEREAS, the higher the deficit, the more the government must  
10 spend on paying interest on the debt; compounding the problem is  
11 the use of deficit spending, which becomes a responsibility for  
12 future generations of Americans to assume without their consent;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, further compounding the problem is that Congress has  
15 wholly abandoned the regular budgeting and appropriation process,  
16 and has resorted to reconciliation in lieu of full debate and  
17 discussion; and

18 WHEREAS, this growing burden of public debt is a threat to  
19 the nation's economic health, and action must be taken to restore



20 fiscal responsibility; a federal debt limitation would compel  
21 lawmakers to carefully consider choices about spending and taxes:

22       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
23 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
24 we do hereby respectfully urge the Congress of the United States  
25 to propose and submit to the states for ratification an amendment  
26 to the United States Constitution providing that an increase in  
27 the federal debt requires approval from a majority of the  
28 Legislatures of the separate states.

29       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be  
30 transmitted by the Secretary of State, to the President of the  
31 United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of  
32 Representatives, and to each member of the Mississippi  
33 congressional delegation.

