

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 208

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WITTMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “No Budget, No Pay
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. HOLDING SALARIES OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS IN**
2 **ESCROW UPON FAILURE TO AGREE TO BUDG-**
3 **ET RESOLUTION.**

4 (a) HOLDING SALARIES IN ESCROW.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—If by April 15, a House of
6 Congress has not agreed to a concurrent resolution
7 on the budget for the next fiscal year pursuant to
8 section 301 of the Congressional Budget Act of
9 1974, during the period described in paragraph (2)
10 the payroll administrator of that House of Congress
11 shall deposit in an escrow account all payments oth-
12 erwise required to be made during such period for
13 the compensation of Members of Congress who serve
14 in that House of Congress, and shall release such
15 payments to such Members only upon the expiration
16 of such period.

17 (2) PERIOD DESCRIBED.—With respect to a
18 House of Congress, the period described in this
19 paragraph is the period which begins on April 16
20 and ends on the earlier of—

21 (A) the day on which the House of Con-
22 gress agrees to a concurrent resolution on the
23 budget for the next fiscal year pursuant to sec-
24 tion 301 of the Congressional Budget Act of
25 1974; or

26 (B) the last day of the Congress.

1 (3) WITHHOLDING AND REMITTANCE OF
2 AMOUNTS FROM PAYMENTS HELD IN ESCROW.—The
3 payroll administrator shall provide for the same
4 withholding and remittance with respect to a pay-
5 ment deposited in an escrow account under para-
6 graph (1) that would apply to the payment if the
7 payment were not subject to paragraph (1).

8 (4) RELEASE OF AMOUNTS AT END OF THE
9 CONGRESS.—In order to ensure that this section is
10 carried out in a manner that shall not vary the com-
11 pensation of Senators or Representatives in violation
12 of the twenty-seventh article of amendment to the
13 Constitution of the United States, the payroll ad-
14 ministrator of a House of Congress shall release for
15 payments to Members of that House of Congress
16 any amounts remaining in any escrow account under
17 this section on the last day of the Congress.

18 (5) ROLE OF SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.—
19 The Secretary of the Treasury shall provide the pay-
20 roll administrators of the Houses of Congress with
21 such assistance as may be necessary to enable the
22 payroll administrators to carry out this section.

23 (b) TREATMENT OF DELEGATES AS MEMBERS.—In
24 this section, the term “Member of Congress” includes a
25 Delegate or Resident Commissioner to the Congress.

1 (c) PAYROLL ADMINISTRATOR DEFINED.—In this
2 section, the “payroll administrator” of a House of Con-
3 gress means—

4 (1) in the case of the House of Representatives,
5 the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of
6 Representatives, or an employee of the Office of the
7 Chief Administrative Officer who is designated by
8 the Chief Administrative Officer to carry out this
9 section; and

10 (2) in the case of the Senate, the Secretary of
11 the Senate, or an employee of the Office of the Sec-
12 retary of the Senate who is designated by the Sec-
13 retary to carry out this section.

14 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This Act shall apply with re-
15 spect to fiscal year 2026 and each succeeding fiscal year.

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