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H. R. 5792

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. WILSON of Florida (for herself and Mr. GARAMENDI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To prohibit the payment of a salary to Members of Congress, the President, and the Vice President during periods during which a Government shutdown is in effect, and for other purposes.

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 “Government Shutdown
5 Salary Suspension Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITING PAYING SALARIES OF MEMBERS OF**
2 **CONGRESS DURING GOVERNMENT SHUT-**
3 **DOWS.**

4 (a) RULE FOR ONE HUNDRED NINETEENTH CON-
5 GRESS.—

6 (1) HOLDING SALARIES IN ESCROW.—If on any
7 day during a pay period occurring during the One
8 Hundred Nineteenth Congress a Government shut-
9 down is in effect, the payroll administrator of each
10 House of Congress shall—

11 (A) deposit in an escrow account and ex-
12 clude from the payments otherwise required to
13 be made with respect to that pay period for the
14 compensation of each Member of Congress who
15 serves in that House of Congress an amount
16 equal to the product of—

17 (i) the daily rate of pay of the Mem-
18 ber under section 601(a) of the Legislative
19 Reorganization Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C.
20 4501); and

21 (ii) the number of 24-hour periods
22 during the pay period during which the
23 Government shutdown is in effect; and

24 (B) release amounts deposited in an es-
25 crow account under subparagraph (A) to such

1 Member of Congress only upon the expiration of
2 the period described in paragraph (2).

3 (2) PERIOD DESCRIBED.—The period described
4 in this paragraph is the period that—

5 (A) begins on the first day on which the
6 applicable Government shutdown is in effect;
7 and

8 (B) ends on the earlier of—

9 (i) the date on which the applicable
10 Government shutdown is no longer in ef-
11 fect; or

12 (ii) the last day of the One Hundred
13 Nineteenth Congress.

14 (3) WITHHOLDING AND REMITTANCE OF
15 AMOUNTS FROM PAYMENTS HELD IN ESCROW.—The
16 payroll administrator of each House of Congress
17 shall provide for the same withholding and remit-
18 tance with respect to a payment deposited in an es-
19 crow account under paragraph (1) that would apply
20 to the payment if the payment were not subject to
21 paragraph (1).

22 (4) RELEASE OF AMOUNTS AT END OF THE
23 CONGRESS.—In order to ensure that this subsection
24 is carried out in a manner that shall not vary the
25 compensation of Senators or Representatives in vio-

1 lation of the twenty-seventh amendment to the Con-
2 stitution of the United States, the payroll adminis-
3 trator of a House of Congress shall release for pay-
4 ment to Members of that House of Congress any
5 amounts remaining in any escrow account under this
6 section on the last day of the One Hundred Nine-
7 teenth Congress.

8 (b) SUBSEQUENT CONGRESSES.—

9 (1) HOLDING SALARIES IN ESCROW.—On and
10 after the first day of the One Hundred Twentieth
11 Congress, if on any day during a pay period a Gov-
12 ernment shutdown is in effect, the payroll adminis-
13 trator of each House of Congress shall—

14 (A) deposit in an escrow account and ex-
15 clude from the payments otherwise required to
16 be made with respect to that pay period for the
17 compensation of each Member of Congress who
18 serves in that House of Congress an amount
19 equal to the product of—

20 (i) the daily rate of pay of the Mem-
21 ber under section 601(a) of the Legislative
22 Reorganization Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C.
23 4501); and

1 (ii) the number of 24-hour periods
2 during the pay period during which the
3 Government shutdown is in effect; and

4 (B) release amounts deposited in an es-
5 crow account under subparagraph (A) to such
6 Member of Congress only upon the expiration of
7 the period described in paragraph (2).

8 (2) PERIOD DESCRIBED.—The period described
9 in this paragraph is the period that—

10 (A) begins on the first day on which the
11 applicable Government shutdown is in effect;
12 and

13 (B) ends on the earlier of—

14 (i) the date on which the applicable
15 Government shutdown is no longer in ef-
16 fect; or

17 (ii) the last day of the Congress dur-
18 ing which the period began under subpara-
19 graph (A).

20 (c) ROLE OF SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.—The
21 Secretary of the Treasury shall provide the payroll admin-
22 istrator of each House of Congress with such assistance
23 as may be necessary to enable the payroll administrator
24 to carry out this Act.

25 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

1 (1) the term “Member of Congress” means an
2 individual serving in a position covered under sub-
3 paragraph (A), (B), or (C) of section 601(a)(1) of
4 the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 (2
5 U.S.C. 4501(1)); and

6 (2) the term “payroll administrator”, with re-
7 spect to a House of Congress, means—

8 (A) in the case of the House of Represent-
9 atives, the Chief Administrative Officer of the
10 House of Representatives, or an employee of
11 the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer
12 who is designated by the Chief Administrative
13 Officer to carry out this Act; and

14 (B) in the case of the Senate, the Sec-
15 retary of the Senate, or an employee of the Of-
16 fice of the Secretary of the Senate who is des-
17 ignated by the Secretary to carry out this Act.

18 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITING PAYING SALARIES OF PRESIDENT**
19 **AND VICE PRESIDENT DURING GOVERNMENT**
20 **SHUTDOWNS.**

21 (a) **HOLDING SALARIES IN ESCROW.**—If on any day
22 during a pay period occurring during the term of office
23 of the President or Vice President a Government shut-
24 down is in effect, the Director of the Office of Personnel
25 Management shall—

1 (1) deposit in an escrow account and exclude
2 from the payments otherwise required to be made
3 with respect to that pay period for the compensation
4 of the President and the Vice President an amount
5 equal to the product of—

6 (A) the daily rate of pay of the President
7 or Vice President (as the case may be) under
8 applicable law; and

9 (B) the number of 24-hour periods during
10 the pay period during which the Government
11 shutdown is in effect; and

12 (2) release amounts deposited in an escrow ac-
13 count under paragraph (1) to the President and the
14 Vice President only upon the expiration of the period
15 described in subsection (b).

16 (b) PERIOD DESCRIBED.—The period described in
17 this subsection is the period that—

18 (1) begins on the first day on which the appli-
19 cable Government shutdown is in effect; and

20 (2) ends on the earlier of—

21 (A) the date on which the applicable Gov-
22 ernment shutdown is no longer in effect; or

23 (B) the last day of the term of office of the
24 President and Vice President during which the
25 period begins.

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

8 (d) RELEASE OF AMOUNTS AT END OF TERM.—The
9 Director of the Office of Personnel Management shall re-
10 lease for payment to the President and Vice President any
11 amounts remaining in the escrow account under this sec-
12 tion on the last day of the term of office of the President
13 and Vice President during which the period described in
14 subsection (b) begins.

15 **SEC. 4. DETERMINATION OF GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN.**

16 For purposes of this Act, a Government shutdown
17 shall be considered to be in effect if there is a lapse in
18 appropriations for any Federal agency or department as
19 a result of a failure to enact a regular appropriations bill
20 or continuing resolution.

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