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H. RES. 892

Authorizing the Speaker of the House of Representatives to initiate or intervene in civil actions on behalf of the House of Representatives regarding section 213 of title II of division C of the Continuing Appropriations, Agriculture, Legislative Branch, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Extensions Act, 2026.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 19, 2025

Mr. ROSE submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules, 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

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Speaker of the House of Representatives to initiate or intervene in civil actions on behalf of the House of Representatives regarding section 213 of title II of division C of the Continuing Appropriations, Agriculture, Legislative Branch, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Extensions Act, 2026.

Whereas section 213 of title II of division C of the Continuing Appropriations, Agriculture, Legislative Branch, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Extensions Act, 2026, and amendments made by such section, provide for financial awards to Members of the Senate

under circumstances that experts have said defy typical legal concepts;

Whereas the 27th Amendment to the Constitution states:

“No law, varying the compensation for the services of the Senators and Representatives, shall take effect, until an election of Representatives shall have intervened.”; and

Whereas a credible argument exists that the financial provisions contained in such section 213 constitute a variation in compensation for Senators, potentially violating the requirements of the 27th Amendment: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. CIVIL ACTION.**

3 The Speaker of the House of Representatives is au-
 4 thorized to initiate or intervene in one or more civil actions
 5 in a Federal court of competent jurisdiction, on behalf of
 6 the House of Representatives, to argue that section 213
 7 of title II of division C of the Continuing Appropriations,
 8 Agriculture, Legislative Branch, Military Construction
 9 and Veterans Affairs, and Extensions Act, 2026, and the
 10 amendments made by such section, violate the 27th
 11 Amendment to the United States Constitution.

12 **SEC. 2. NOTIFICATION.**

13 The Speaker shall notify the House of Representa-
 14 tives of any decision to initiate or intervene in any civil
 15 action pursuant to this resolution.

1 **SEC. 3. PROCESS FOR CIVIL ACTION.**

2 (a) REPRESENTATION BY GENERAL COUNSEL.—The
3 Office of the General Counsel of the House of Representa-
4 tives, at the direction of the Speaker, shall represent the
5 House in any civil action initiated, or in which the House
6 intervenes, pursuant to this resolution, and may employ
7 the services of outside counsel and other experts for this
8 purpose.

9 (b) STATEMENT OF COSTS OF OUTSIDE COUNSEL
10 AND EXPERTS.—Not later than 30 days after the last day
11 of each calendar quarter in which the Office of General
12 Counsel employed the services of outside counsel or other
13 experts pursuant to subsection (a), the chair of the Com-
14 mittee on House Administration shall cause to be printed
15 in the Congressional Record a statement setting forth the
16 aggregate amounts expended by such Office for such serv-
17 ices.

18 **SEC. 4. REQUIREMENT TO INFORM.**

19 The Speaker shall keep the House regularly informed
20 about developments in any litigation initiated, or in which
21 the House intervenes, pursuant to this resolution.

22 **SEC. 5. DEMAND FOR REIMBURSEMENT.**

23 In the event that section 213 of title II of division
24 C of the Continuing Appropriations, Agriculture, Legisla-
25 tive Branch, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs,
26 and Extensions Act, 2026, is held to be unconstitutional

1 in any ruling made in response to litigation initiated, or
2 in which the House intervenes, pursuant to this resolution,
3 the Speaker is authorized to—

4 (1) tally all costs incurred by the House of Represent-
5 atives related to such litigation, including legal fees, ex-
6 penses for outside counsel and other experts, and related
7 administrative costs; and

8 (2) send a formal letter to the majority leader of the
9 Senate demanding that the Senate reimburse the House
10 of Representatives for all such litigation-related costs from
11 funds allocated to the Senate, and cause that letter to be
12 entered into the Congressional Record.

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