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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NUSSLE (for himself, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, and Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina) introduced the following bill; which was referred jointly to the Committees on House Administration, Post Office and Civil Service, and Rules

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 “Citizen Representative
5 Reform Act Merit pay provision”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROVISIONS RELATING TO MEMBERS' PAY.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 601(a) of the Legislative
3 Reorganization Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 31) is amended by
4 adding at the end the following:

5 “(3)(A) For purposes of this paragraph, any deter-
6 mination as to whether total receipts of the Federal Gov-
7 ernment are greater than, less than, or equal to its total
8 expenditures in a fiscal year shall be determined using
9 total public expenditures, respectively, as indicated in the
10 report submitted by the Secretary of the Treasury to the
11 Congress under section 331(c) of title 31, United States
12 Code, for such year.

13 “(B) Notwithstanding paragraphs (1) and (2) of this
14 subsection, whenever the total expenditures of the Federal
15 Government exceed its total receipts for a fiscal year, the
16 annual rate of pay for each position under paragraph (1)
17 (A)–(C) shall be reduced by 5 percent, effective as of the
18 first applicable pay period beginning on or after the date
19 as of which Congress receives the report (referred to in
20 subparagraph (A)) relating to such fiscal year.

21 “(C) Effective as of the first applicable pay period
22 beginning on or after the date as of which Congress re-
23 ceives a report (referred to in subparagraph (A)) indicat-
24 ing that total receipts of the Federal Government are
25 greater than or equal to its total expenditures for a fiscal
26 years—

1 “(i) all reductions under subparagraph (B) then
2 in effect shall be disregarded; and

3 “(ii) pay for each position under paragraph (1)
4 (A)–(C) shall be restored to the level which would
5 then be in effect for such position if this paragraph
6 had never been enacted.

7 “(D) A pay adjustment under subparagraph (B) or
8 (C) shall be made before any other adjustment otherwise
9 scheduled to take effect on the same day for the same posi-
10 tion.

11 (b) PROCEDURES.—(1) It shall not be in order in ei-
12 ther the House of Representatives or the Senate to con-
13 sider any bill or resolution which would increase the rate
14 of basic pay for the Members of Congress (excluding any
15 bill or resolution to which section 225(i) of the Federal
16 Salary Act of 1967 applies) unless that bill or resolution
17 deals with no subject matter other than a pay increase
18 for Members.

19 (2) Any bill or resolution which is subject to para-
20 graph (1) may be passed or adopted, as the case may be,
21 by the House of Representatives or the Senate only by
22 a vote recorded so as to reflect the vote of each Member
23 voting.

24 (3) Paragraphs (1) and (2) are enacted by Con-
25 gress—

1 (A) as an exercise of the rulemaking power of
2 the House of Representatives and the Senate, re-
3 spectively, and such rules shall supersede other rules
4 only to the extent that they are inconsistent there-
5 with; and

6 (B) with full recognition of the constitutional
7 right of each House to change such rules (so far as
8 relating to such House) at any time, in such man-
9 ner, and to the same extent as in the case of any
10 other rule of such House.

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