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# S. 946

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 12 (legislative day, APRIL 19), 1993

Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. BURNS, Mr. GREGG, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. KEMPTHORNE, and Mr. SMITH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Appropriations

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## 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 “Legislative Branch  
5       Budget Reduction Act of 1993”.

6       **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7       (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress makes the following  
8       findings:

9               (1) The outlays for the legislative branch in-  
10       creased from \$1,367,000,000 in fiscal year 1982, to

1       \$2,760,000,000 in fiscal year 1992, a 102 percent  
2       increase.

3           (2) The legislative branch staff now totals more  
4       than 38,000, which is the largest staff on any deliberative  
5       body in the world, 9 times larger than that  
6       of Great Britain, Germany, Canada, and Japan.

7           (3) The salary of a Member of Congress has  
8       risen from \$60,662 in 1981, to \$129,500 in 1992,  
9       an increase of 113 percent.

10          (4) The expenditures for the Congress in fiscal  
11       year 1993 are estimated to be \$5,050,000 per Senator  
12       and \$1,970,000 per Representative.

13   **SEC. 3. CUTTING THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH BUDGET BY**  
14                   **25 PERCENT.**

15       The amount of budget authority provided to the legislative  
16       branch of the United States in each of the fiscal  
17       years 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, and 1998 shall be no more  
18       than 75 percent of the amount appropriated for fiscal year  
19       1993.

20   **SEC. 4. UNOBLIGATED FUNDS.**

21       No unobligated funds for any fiscal year may be expended  
22       in any subsequent fiscal year, and any such funds  
23       shall be returned to the Treasury in order to reduce the  
24       deficit.

1 **SEC. 5. INDEPENDENT STUDY.**

2       An independent firm jointly selected by the Speaker  
3 of the House, the minority leader of the House, the major-  
4 ity leader of the Senate, and the minority leader of the  
5 Senate, shall conduct a study of the staff needs of the  
6 Congress, to be funded out of the contingent funds of the  
7 House of Representatives and Senate.

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