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# H. R. 2824

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SALMON (for himself, Ms. RIVERS, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Mr. BALLENGER, Mr. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. SCARBOROUGH, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, and in addition to the Committee on House Oversight, 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

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## A BILL

To provide that annual pay adjustments for Members of Congress shall not be made in the year immediately following any fiscal year in which a budget deficit exists, 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 “Balanced Budget In-  
5 centive Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EFFECT OF A BUDGET DEFICIT.**

2 Section 601(a) of the Legislative Reorganization Act  
3 of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 31) is amended—

4 (1) in paragraph (2)(A) by striking “Subject to  
5 subparagraph (B),” and inserting “Subject to sub-  
6 paragraph (B) and paragraphs (3) and (4),”; and

7 (2) by adding at the end the following:

8 “(3)(A) Notwithstanding any other provision of this  
9 subsection, rates of pay for positions referred to in para-  
10 graph (1) may not be increased, as a result of an adjust-  
11 ment scheduled to take effect under paragraph (2) in a  
12 year, by a percentage greater than the maximum percent-  
13 age allowable for such year.

14 “(B) For purposes of subparagraph (A), the maxi-  
15 mum percentage allowable for a year is the percentage by  
16 which benefits under title II of the Social Security Act  
17 are increased (if at all) effective December 1st of the pre-  
18 ceding year—

19 “(i) as a result of a determination under section  
20 215(i) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i)); or

21 “(ii) pursuant to a law providing a general ben-  
22 efit increase under such title.

23 “(4)(A) An adjustment which is scheduled to take ef-  
24 fect under paragraph (2) in a calendar year (as limited  
25 by paragraph (3), if applicable) shall not be made if there  
26 was a deficit in the budget of the United States Govern-

1 ment for the fiscal year last ending before the start of  
2 such calendar year, as determined under subparagraph  
3 (B).

4 “(B)(i) Within 2 months after the end of each fiscal  
5 year, the Director of the Congressional Budget Office  
6 shall—

7 “(I) determine whether there was a deficit in  
8 the budget of the United States Government for  
9 such fiscal year; and

10 “(II) submit a written report to Congress as to  
11 its findings under this subparagraph.

12 “(ii) A failure to make a timely determination and  
13 report under clause (i) shall be treated as a determination  
14 under this subparagraph that there was a deficit in the  
15 budget of the United States Government for the fiscal year  
16 involved.”.

17 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—The amendments made by this  
19 Act shall apply with respect to pay adjustments scheduled  
20 to take effect after the date of enactment of this Act.

21 (b) FIRST REPORT.—In the event that the date of  
22 enactment of this Act is after September 30th of the cal-  
23 endar year in which such date of enactment occurs, the  
24 deadline for the first determination and report under sec-

1 tion 601(a)(4)(B) of the Legislative Reorganization Act  
2 of 1946, as amended by this Act, shall be—

3 (1) the date occurring 2 months after such date  
4 of enactment; or

5 (2) if earlier, December 31st of such calendar  
6 year.

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