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# H. R. 994

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 10, 2011

Mr. REHBERG introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, 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 require Congress to lead by example and freeze its own pay for a fiscal year unless the Federal government did not run a deficit in the previous fiscal year.

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 “No Pay Raise for Con-  
5       gress Until the Budget is Balanced Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. RESTRICTIONS ON PAY OF MEMBERS OF CON-**  
2 **GRESS.**

3 (a) RESTRICTIONS ON COST OF LIVING ADJUST-  
4 MENTS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no  
5 adjustment shall be made under section 601(a) of the Leg-  
6 islative Reorganization Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 31) (relat-  
7 ing to cost of living adjustments for Members of Congress)  
8 during any fiscal year (beginning with fiscal year 2012)  
9 unless the Secretary of the Treasury submits a report that  
10 a Federal budget deficit did not exist in the previous fiscal  
11 year, in accordance with subsection (b).

12 (b) DETERMINATION AND REPORT.—

13 (1) RESPONSIBILITIES OF SECRETARY.—Not  
14 later than 30 days after the end of each fiscal year  
15 (beginning with fiscal year 2011), the Secretary of  
16 the Treasury shall—

17 (A) make a determination of whether a  
18 Federal budget deficit existed in that fiscal  
19 year; and

20 (B) submit a report of that determination  
21 to Congress.

22 (2) DETERMINATION OF DEFICIT.—For pur-  
23 poses of this Act, a Federal budget deficit shall be  
24 considered to exist in a fiscal year if total budget  
25 outlays of the Government for such fiscal year ex-

- 1 exceed total revenues of the Government for such fiscal
- 2 year as of the last day of such fiscal year.

