

113TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 372

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 23, 2013

Mr. BROUN of Georgia introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Budget, and in addition to the Committees on House Administration, Oversight and Government Reform, and Rules, 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

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 “Budget or Bust Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REPEAL OF REQUIREMENT THAT PRESIDENT SUB-**
2 **MIT ANNUAL BUDGET TO CONGRESS.**

3 Sections 1105 and 1106 of title 31, United States
4 Code, are repealed.

5 **SEC. 3. CHANGE IN CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET PROCESS**
6 **TIMETABLE.**

7 Section 300 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974
8 is amended by striking “April 1” and inserting “March
9 15” and by striking “April 15” and inserting “April 1”.

10 **SEC. 4. HOLDING SALARIES OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS IN**
11 **ESCROW IF CONGRESS FAILS TO ADOPT**
12 **BUDGET RESOLUTION.**

13 (a) ESCROW.—If on or before April 1 of any year
14 Congress does not adopt a concurrent resolution on the
15 budget for the fiscal year that begins on October 1 of that
16 year, the Secretary of the Treasury shall deposit all pay-
17 ments otherwise required to be made for the compensation
18 of Members of Congress in an escrow account, and shall
19 release such payments to the Members only upon the
20 adoption by Congress of a concurrent resolution on the
21 budget for that fiscal year.

22 (b) WITHHOLDING AND REMITTANCE OF AMOUNTS
23 FROM PAYMENTS HELD IN ESCROW.—The Secretary of
24 the Treasury shall provide for the same withholding and
25 remittance with respect to a payment deposited in an es-

1 crow account under subsection (a) that would apply to the
2 payment if the payment were not subject to subsection (a).

3 (c) COORDINATION WITH HOUSE AND SENATE.—

4 The Secretary of the Treasury shall enter into such agree-
5 ments with the Chief Administrative Officer of the House
6 of Representatives and the Secretary of the Senate as may
7 be necessary to carry out this section.

8 (d) MEMBER OF CONGRESS DEFINED.—In this sec-
9 tion, the term “Member of Congress” means an individual
10 serving in a position under subparagraph (A), (B), or (C)
11 of section 601(a) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of
12 1946 (2 U.S.C. 31).

13 **SEC. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

14 This Act shall apply with respect to fiscal year 2015
15 and each succeeding fiscal year.

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