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1ST SESSION

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 23, 2013

Mr. LATHAM 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

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 “Do Your Job Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITING DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS FOR SALA-**
2 **RIES AND EXPENSES OF MEMBER AND COM-**
3 **MITTEE OFFICES IF CONGRESS FAILS TO**
4 **ADOPT BUDGET RESOLUTION.**

5 (a) SALARIES AND EXPENSES OF OFFICES.—

6 (1) PROHIBITION.—If on or before May 15 of
7 any year Congress does not adopt a concurrent reso-
8 lution on the budget for the fiscal year that begins
9 on October 1 of that year, no funds may be dis-
10 bursed for the salaries and expenses (including trav-
11 el expenses) of any of the offices described in sub-
12 section (b) until Congress adopts a concurrent reso-
13 lution on the budget for that fiscal year.

14 (2) TREATMENT OF MEMBER SALARIES.—Para-
15 graph (1) does not apply to funds disbursed for the
16 salary of any Member of Congress, which shall be
17 subject to escrow in accordance with section 3.

18 (b) OFFICES DESCRIBED.—The offices described in
19 this subsection are as follows:

20 (1) The office of any Member of Congress.

21 (2) The office of any standing, select, or joint
22 committee of Congress.

23 (3) An office of the House of Representatives
24 for which the appropriation for salaries and expenses
25 of the office for the year involved is provided under
26 the heading “House Leadership Offices” in the act

1 making appropriations for the Legislative Branch
 2 for the fiscal year involved (in addition to any office
 3 of a Member of Congress referred to in paragraph
 4 (1)).

5 (4) The offices of the President pro Tempore,
 6 Majority and Minority Leaders, Majority and Minor-
 7 ity Whips, Conferences of the Majority and of the
 8 Minority, and Majority and Minority Policy Commit-
 9 tees of the Senate (in addition to any office of a
 10 Member of Congress referred to in paragraph (1)).

11 **SEC. 3. HOLDING SALARIES OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS IN**
 12 **ESCROW IF CONGRESS FAILS TO ADOPT**
 13 **BUDGET RESOLUTION.**

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

23 (b) WITHHOLDING AND REMITTANCE OF AMOUNTS
 24 FROM PAYMENTS HELD IN ESCROW.—The Secretary of
 25 the Treasury shall provide for the same withholding and

1 remittance with respect to a payment deposited in an es-
2 crow account under subsection (a) that would apply to the
3 payment if the payment were not subject to subsection (a).

4 (c) COORDINATION WITH HOUSE AND SENATE.—
5 The Secretary of the Treasury shall enter into such agree-
6 ments with the Chief Administrative Officer of the House
7 of Representatives and the Secretary of the Senate as may
8 be necessary to carry out this section.

9 **SEC. 4. MEMBER OF CONGRESS DEFINED.**

10 In this Act, the term “Member of Congress” means
11 an individual serving in a position under subparagraph
12 (A), (B), or (C) of section 601(a) of the Legislative Reor-
13 ganization Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 31).

14 **SEC. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

15 This Act shall apply with respect to fiscal year 2014
16 and each succeeding fiscal year.

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