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H. R. 7251

To provide for reductions in the Members' Representational Allowance of Members of the House of Representatives who fail to appear to cast votes or record presence in the House at any time during which proxy voting is permitted in the House.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 18, 2020

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana (for himself and Mrs. LESKO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

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 "Proxy Vote Windfall
5 Prohibition Act".

1 **SEC. 2. REDUCTION IN MEMBERS' REPRESENTATIONAL AL-**
2 **LOWANCE OF MEMBERS FAILING TO APPEAR**
3 **WHILE PROXY VOTING IS PERMITTED.**

4 Section 101 of the House of Representatives Admin-
5 istrative Reform Technical Corrections Act (2 U.S.C.
6 5341) is amended—

7 (1) by redesignating subsections (e) through (e)
8 as subsections (d) through (f); and

9 (2) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
10 lowing new subsection:

11 “(b) REDUCTIONS.—

12 “(1) FAILURE TO APPEAR TO CAST VOTES OR
13 RECORD PRESENCE IN HOUSE AT ANY TIME DURING
14 WHICH PROXY VOTING IS PERMITTED.—

15 “(A) IN GENERAL.—If, at any time during
16 which proxy voting is permitted in the House of
17 Representatives, including during a covered pe-
18 riod under House Resolution 965, One Hun-
19 dred Sixteenth Congress, a Member of the
20 House fails to appear in person in the House to
21 cast a vote or record the Member’s presence in
22 response to a quorum call, the Committee on
23 House Administration shall reduce the Mem-
24 bers’ Representational Allowance for such Mem-
25 ber for the remainder of the fiscal year by the
26 amount which would have been paid from the

1 Allowance for the Member's travel expenses if
2 the Member had been present in the House to
3 cast the vote or to record the Member's pres-
4 ence at the quorum call.

5 “(B) EXCEPTION FOR FAILURE RESULT-
6 ING FROM CARRYING OUT OTHER OFFICIAL AND
7 REPRESENTATIONAL DUTIES.—Subparagraph
8 (A) does not apply if, at the time of a vote or
9 quorum call, a Member is in the District of Co-
10 lumbia but fails to appear in person in the
11 House to cast a vote or record the Member's
12 presence in response to the quorum call because
13 the Member is carrying out other official and
14 representational duties.

15 “(2) CORRESPONDING REDUCTION TO AGGRE-
16 GATE MRA FUNDS.—The aggregate amount available
17 under the Members' Representational Allowances for
18 the House of Representatives for a fiscal year shall
19 be reduced by the amount of any reductions made
20 under paragraph (1) for the fiscal year.”.

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