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Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to prohibit Members of Congress from receiving compensation for any period during which a Government shutdown is in effect.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VAN ORDEN submitted the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That the following article is proposed as an amendment
4 to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be
5 valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitu-
6 tion when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of
7 the several States within seven years after the date of its
8 submission for ratification:

1 “ARTICLE —

2 “SECTION 1. A Representative or Senator may not
3 receive compensation with respect to any period during
4 which a Government shutdown is in effect. For purposes
5 of this article, a Government shutdown shall be considered
6 to be in effect if there is a lapse in appropriations for any
7 Federal agency or department as a result of a failure to
8 enact a regular appropriations bill or continuing resolu-
9 tion.

10 “SECTION 2. Congress shall have the power to en-
11 force this article through appropriate legislation.”.

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