

AMENDMENT TO
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Add at the end the following new section:

1 SEC. 4. NO PAY FOR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS DURING GOV-
2 ERNMENT SHUTDOWNS.

3 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

4 (1) the term “Government shutdown” means a
5 lapse in appropriations for 1 or more Federal agen-
6 cies or departments;

7 (2) the term “Member of Congress” means an
8 individual serving in a position under subparagraph
9 (A), (B), or (C) of section 601(a)(1) of the Legisla-
10 tive Reorganization Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4501(1));
11 and

12 (3) the term “payroll administrator”, with re-
13 spect to a House of Congress, means—

14 (A) in the case of the Senate, the Sec-
15 retary of the Senate, or an employee of the Of-
16 fice of the Secretary of the Senate who is des-
17 ignated by the Secretary to carry out the re-
18 quirements of this section; and

1 (B) in the case of the House of Represent-
2 atives, the Chief Administrative Officer of the
3 House of Representatives, or an employee of
4 the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer
5 who is designated by the Chief Administrative
6 Officer to carry out the requirements of this
7 section.

8 (b) REQUIRING REDUCTION OF PAY OF MEMBERS OF
9 CONGRESS IF GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN OCCURS.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—If on any day during a pay
11 period a Government shutdown is in effect, the pay-
12 roll administrator of each House of Congress shall
13 exclude from the payments otherwise required to be
14 made with respect to that pay period for the com-
15 pensation of each Member of Congress who serves in
16 that House of Congress an amount equal to the
17 product of—

18 (A) an amount equal to one day's worth of
19 pay under the annual rate of pay of the Mem-
20 ber under section 601(a) of the Legislative Re-
21 organization Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4501); and

22 (B) the number of 24-hour periods during
23 the pay period during which the Government
24 shutdown is in effect.

1 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This subsection shall
2 apply with respect to days occurring after the date
3 of the regularly scheduled general election for Fed-
4 eral office held in November 2026 (in this section
5 referred to as the “pay reduction effective date”).

6 (c) SPECIAL RULE FOR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS BE-
7 FORE GENERAL ELECTION.—

8 (1) HOLDING SALARIES IN ESCROW.—If on any
9 day before the pay reduction effective date a Govern-
10 ment shutdown is in effect, the payroll administrator
11 of each House of Congress shall—

12 (A) withhold from the payments otherwise
13 required to be made with respect to a pay pe-
14 riod for the compensation of each Member of
15 Congress who serves in that House of Congress
16 an amount equal to the product of—

17 (i) an amount equal to one day’s
18 worth of pay under the annual rate of pay
19 applicable to the Member under section
20 601(a) of the Legislative Reorganization
21 Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4501); and

22 (ii) the number of 24-hour periods
23 during which the Government shutdown is
24 in effect which occur during the pay pe-
25 riod; and

1 (B) deposit in an escrow account all
2 amounts withheld under subparagraph (A).

3 (2) RELEASE OF AMOUNTS AT END OF THE
4 CONGRESS.—In order to ensure that this subsection
5 is carried out in a manner that shall not vary the
6 compensation of Senators or Representatives in vio-
7 lation of the 27th Amendment to the Constitution of
8 the United States, the payroll administrator of a
9 House of Congress shall release for payments to
10 Members of that House of Congress any amounts re-
11 maining in any escrow account under this subsection
12 on the pay reduction effective date.

13 (3) APPLICABILITY.—This subsection shall
14 apply with respect to days during the period begin-
15 ning on the date of enactment of this Act and end-
16 ing on the pay reduction effective date.

17 (d) ROLE OF SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.—The
18 Secretary of the Treasury shall provide the payroll admin-
19 istrators of the Houses of Congress with such assistance
20 as may be necessary to enable the payroll administrators
21 to carry out this section.

