AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1206, AS REPORTED
(RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 114-47)
OFFERED BY MR. BLUMENAUER OF OREGON

Page 3, insert after line 13 the following:

SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON HIRING OF NEW EMPLOYEES BY
LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OFFICES UNTIL CERTIFICATION THAT NO EMPLOYEE OF THE OFFICE HAS A SERIOUSLY DELINQUENT TAX DEBT.

(a) Prohibition on Hiring.—No office of the legislative branch may extend an offer of employment to any individual until after the applicable certifying official has submitted to Congress either the certification described in subsection (b) or the report described in subsection (c).

(b) Certification.—With respect to an office of the legislative branch, the certification referred to in subsection (a) is a written certification that the office does not employ any individual who has a seriously delinquent tax debt (as defined in section 2(b)(2)).

(e) Report.—With respect to an office of the legislative branch, the report referred to in subsection (a) is a report that—
(1) states that the certification described in subsection (b) cannot be made;

(2) provides an explanation of why such certification is not possible;

(3) outlines the remedial actions that would be required for the applicable certifying official to be in a position to so certify; and

(4) provides an indication of the time that would be required for those actions to be completed.

(d) APPLICABLE CERTIFYING OFFICIAL DEFINED.—In this section, the “applicable certifying official” with respect to an office of the legislative branch means—

(1) in the case of an office of the House of Representatives, the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

(2) in the case of an office of the Senate, the President pro Tempore of the Senate; and

(3) in the case of any other office, the Speaker and the President pro Tempore acting jointly.

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to prohibit the hiring of additional Internal Revenue Service employees or employees of offices of the legislative branch until the Secretary of the Treasury or the Speaker of the House of Representatives or President pro Tempore of the Sen-
ate certifies that no employee of the Internal Revenue Service or the office has a seriously delinquent tax debt.”