

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 807, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. COOPER OF TENNESSEE**

At the end, add the following:

1 SEC. 3. MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TO BE PAID LAST.

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—In the event that the public debt
3 of the United States Government reaches the public debt
4 limit, the obligation to pay basic pay of Members of Con-
5 gress may not be satisfied until—

6 (1) all other obligations of the United States
7 Government which are then due have been satisfied;
8 or

9 (2) if earlier, the ability of the Treasury to sat-
10 isfy the obligations of the United States Government
11 in timely manner is restored, whether by an increase
12 in the public debt limit or otherwise.

13 (b) CONSENT.—Each Member of Congress consents
14 and agrees that payment of basic pay in accordance with
15 subsection (a) shall constitute a full and complete dis-
16 charge and acquittance of all claims and demands for serv-
17 ice as such a Member during the period covered by the
18 payment.

19 (c) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section—

1 (1) the term “public debt limit” means the dol-
2 lar limitation contained in section 3101(b) of title
3 31, United States Code; and

4 (2) the term “Member of Congress” means—

5 (A) each Senator, Member of the House of
6 Representatives, and Delegate to the House of
7 Representatives, and the Resident Commis-
8 sioner from Puerto Rico;

9 (B) the President pro tempore of the Sen-
10 ate, the majority leader and the minority leader
11 of the Senate, and the majority leader and the
12 minority leader of the House of Representa-
13 tives; and

14 (C) the Speaker of the House of Rep-
15 resentatives.

