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Add at the end the following new title:

TITLE III—PROHIBITING PAYMENT OF SALARIES OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS DURING GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWNS

SEC. 301. PROHIBITING PAYMENT OF SALARIES OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS DURING GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWNS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—

(1) HOLDING SALARIES IN ESCROW.—If on any day during a pay period occurring during a Congress a Government shutdown is in effect, the payroll administrator of each House of Congress shall—

(A) deposit in an escrow account and exclude from the payments otherwise required to be made with respect to that pay period for the compensation of each Member of Congress who serves in that House of Congress an amount equal to the product of—
(i) the daily rate of pay of the Member under section 601(a) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4501); and

(ii) the number of 24-hour periods during the pay period during which the Government shutdown is in effect; and

(B) release amounts deposited in an escrow account under subparagraph (A) to such Member of Congress only upon the expiration of the period described in paragraph (2).

(2) Period Described.—The period described in this paragraph is the period that—

(A) begins on the first day on which the applicable Government shutdown is in effect; and

(B) ends on the date on which the applicable Government shutdown is no longer in effect.

(3) Withholding and Remittance of Amounts from Payments Held in Escrow.—The payroll administrator of each House of Congress shall provide for the same withholding and remittance with respect to a payment deposited in an escrow account under paragraph (1) that would apply
to the payment if the payment were not subject to paragraph (1).

(4) **Special rule for one hundred sixteenth congress.**—In order to ensure that this subsection is carried out in a manner that shall not vary the compensation of Senators or Representatives in violation of the twenty-seventh amendment to the Constitution of the United States, in the case of a Government shutdown in effect during the One Hundred Sixteenth Congress, the payroll administrator of a House of Congress shall release for payment to Members of that House of Congress any amounts remaining in any escrow account under this section on the last day of the Congress.

(b) **Role of Secretary of the Treasury.**—The Secretary of the Treasury shall provide the payroll administrator of each House of Congress with such assistance as may be necessary to enable the payroll administrator to carry out this section.

(c) **Definition.**—In this section, the term “payroll administrator”, with respect to a House of Congress, means—

(1) in the case of the House of Representatives, the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives, or an employee of the Office of the
Chief Administrative Officer who is designated by
the Chief Administrative Officer to carry out this
section; and
(2) in the case of the Senate, the Secretary of
the Senate, or an employee of the Office of the Sec-
retary of the Senate who is designated by the Sec-
retary to carry out this section.

SEC. 302. DETERMINATION OF GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN.
For purposes of this title, a Government shutdown
shall be considered to be in effect if there is a lapse in
appropriations for any Federal agency or department as
a result of a failure to enact a regular appropriations bill
or continuing resolution.

SEC. 303. MEMBER OF CONGRESS DEFINED.
In this title, the term “Member of Congress” means
an individual serving in a position under subparagraph
(A), (B), or (C) of section 601(a) of the Legislative Reor-