

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-

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Add at the end the following new title:

1 **TITLE III—PROHIBITING PAY-**
2 **MENT OF SALARIES OF MEM-**
3 **BERS OF CONGRESS DURING**
4 **GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWNS**

5 **SEC. 301. PROHIBITING PAYMENT OF SALARIES OF MEM-**
6 **BERS OF CONGRESS DURING GOVERNMENT**
7 **SHUTDOWNS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—

9 (1) HOLDING SALARIES IN ESCROW.—If on any
10 day during a pay period occurring during a Congress
11 a Government shutdown is in effect, the payroll ad-
12 ministrator of each House of Congress shall—

13 (A) deposit in an escrow account and ex-
14 clude from the payments otherwise required to
15 be made with respect to that pay period for the
16 compensation of each Member of Congress who
17 serves in that House of Congress an amount
18 equal to the product of—

1 (i) the daily rate of pay of the Mem-
2 ber under section 601(a) of the Legislative
3 Reorganization Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C.
4 4501); and

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

8 (B) release amounts deposited in an es-
9 crow account under subparagraph (A) to such
10 Member of Congress only upon the expiration of
11 the period described in paragraph (2).

12 (2) PERIOD DESCRIBED.—The period described
13 in this paragraph is the period that—

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

17 (B) ends on the date on which the applica-
18 ble Government shutdown is no longer in effect.

19 (3) WITHHOLDING AND REMITTANCE OF
20 AMOUNTS FROM PAYMENTS HELD IN ESCROW.—The
21 payroll administrator of each House of Congress
22 shall provide for the same withholding and remit-
23 tance with respect to a payment deposited in an es-
24 crow account under paragraph (1) that would apply

1 to the payment if the payment were not subject to
2 paragraph (1).

3 (4) SPECIAL RULE FOR ONE HUNDRED SIX-
4 TEENTH CONGRESS.—In order to ensure that this
5 subsection is carried out in a manner that shall not
6 vary the compensation of Senators or Representa-
7 tives in violation of the twenty-seventh amendment
8 to the Constitution of the United States, in the case
9 of a Government shutdown in effect during the One
10 Hundred Sixteenth Congress, the payroll adminis-
11 trator of a House of Congress shall release for pay-
12 ment to Members of that House of Congress any
13 amounts remaining in any escrow account under this
14 section on the last day of the Congress.

15 (b) ROLE OF SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.—The
16 Secretary of the Treasury shall provide the payroll admin-
17 istrator of each House of Congress with such assistance
18 as may be necessary to enable the payroll administrator
19 to carry out this section.

20 (c) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “payroll
21 administrator”, with respect to a House of Congress,
22 means—

23 (1) in the case of the House of Representatives,
24 the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of
25 Representatives, or an employee of the Office of the

1 Chief Administrative Officer who is designated by
2 the Chief Administrative Officer to carry out this
3 section; and

4 (2) in the case of the Senate, the Secretary of
5 the Senate, or an employee of the Office of the Sec-
6 retary of the Senate who is designated by the Sec-
7 retary to carry out this section.

8 **SEC. 302. DETERMINATION OF GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN.**

9 For purposes of this title, a Government shutdown
10 shall be considered to be in effect if there is a lapse in
11 appropriations for any Federal agency or department as
12 a result of a failure to enact a regular appropriations bill
13 or continuing resolution.

14 **SEC. 303. MEMBER OF CONGRESS DEFINED.**

15 In this title, the term “Member of Congress” means
16 an individual serving in a position under subparagraph
17 (A), (B), or (C) of section 601(a) of the Legislative Reor-
18 ganization Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4501).

