AMENDMENT TO H.R. 273
OFFERED BY MRS. ROBY OF ALABAMA

Page 2, after line 11, add the following:

SEC. 2. SUSPENSION OF STEP INCREASES FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES UNTIL AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2013.

(a) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section, the term “suspension period” means the period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act and ending on December 31, 2013.

(b) TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF STEP INCREASES.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law—

(1) the benefit of any step increase under section 5335 or 5336 of title 5, United States Code, shall, in the case of any such increase which would otherwise take effect during the suspension period, be suspended until after the end of such period; and

(2) rates of pay shall, for pay periods beginning after the end of the suspension period, be recomputed so as to be equal to the rate that would then be payable if this section had not been enacted.

(e) ADDITIONAL RULES.—
(1) Relating to periodic step increases.—For purposes of making any determination of eligibility for a step increase under section 5335 of title 5, United States Code, service performed before, during, or after the suspension period shall be taken into account.

(2) Relating to additional step increases.—For purposes of applying the second sentence of section 5336(a) of title 5, United States Code, an additional step increase shall be attributed to the 52-week period during which (but for this section) such increase would otherwise have taken effect.