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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 21, 2013

Mr. Camp (for himself and Mrs. Miller of Michigan) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF DEBT CEILING.

(a) Suspension.—Section 3101(b) of title 31, United States Code, shall not apply for the period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act and ending on May 18, 2013.
(b) Special Rule Relating to Obligations

Issued During Suspension Period.—Effective May 19, 2013, the limitation in section 3101(b) of title 31, United States Code, as increased by section 3101A of such title, is increased to the extent that—

(1) the face amount of obligations issued under chapter 31 of such title and the face amount of obligations whose principal and interest are guaranteed by the United States Government (except guaranteed obligations held by the Secretary of the Treasury) outstanding on May 19, 2013, exceeds

(2) the face amount of such obligations outstanding on the date of the enactment of this Act.

An obligation shall not be taken into account under paragraph (1) unless the issuance of such obligation was necessary to fund a commitment incurred by the Federal Government that required payment before May 19, 2013.

SEC. 2. HOLDING SALARIES OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS IN ESCROW UPON FAILURE TO AGREE TO BUDGET RESOLUTION.

(a) Holding Salaries in Escrow.—

(1) In general.—If by April 15, 2013, a House of Congress has not agreed to a concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2014 pursuant to section 301 of the Congressional Budget Act
of 1974, during the period described in paragraph
(2) the payroll administrator of that House of Con-
gress shall deposit in an escrow account all pay-
ments otherwise required to be made during such
period for the compensation of Members of Congress
who serve in that House of Congress, and shall re-
lease such payments to such Members only upon the
expiration of such period.

(2) PERIOD DESCRIBED.—With respect to a
House of Congress, the period described in this
paragraph is the period which begins on April 16,
2013, and ends on the earlier of—

(A) the day on which the House of Con-
gress agrees to a concurrent resolution on the
budget for fiscal year 2014 pursuant to section
301 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974;
or

(B) the last day of the One Hundred Thir-
teenth Congress.

(3) WITHHOLDING AND REMITTANCE OF
AMOUNTS FROM PAYMENTS HELD IN ESCROW.—The
payroll administrator shall provide for the same
withholding and remittance with respect to a pay-
ment deposited in an escrow account under para-
graph (1) that would apply to the payment if the
payment were not subject to paragraph (1).

(4) Release of amounts at end of the
Congress.—In order to ensure that this section is
carried out in a manner that shall not vary the com-
pensation of Senators or Representatives in violation
of the twenty-seventh article of amendment to the
Constitution of the United States, the payroll ad-
ministrator of a House of Congress shall release for
payments to Members of that House of Congress
any amounts remaining in any escrow account under
this section on the last day of the One Hundred
Thirteenth Congress.

(5) Role of Secretary of the Treasury.—
The Secretary of the Treasury shall provide the pay-
roll administrators of the Houses of Congress with
such assistance as may be necessary to enable the
payroll administrators to carry out this section.

(b) Treatment of Delegates as Members.—In
this section, the term “Member” includes a Delegate or
Resident Commissioner to the Congress.

(c) Payroll Administrator Defined.—In this
section, the “payroll administrator” of a House of Con-
gress 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 Secretary of the Senate who is designated by the Secretary to carry out this section.