113TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 436

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 4, 2013

Mr. NELSON (for himself and Mrs. MCCASKILL) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Budget

A BILL

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Sequester for Congres-
sional Pay and Accountability Act”.

SEC. 2. SEQUESTERING THE PAY OF MEMBERS OF CON-
GRESS.

(a) MEMBER SEQUESTER.—Section 251 of the Bal-
anced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985
(2 U.S.C. 901) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(d) CONGRESSIONAL PAY.—

“(1) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term ‘furlough period’ means each period—

“(A) beginning on the effective date of the first furlough of any individual employed by the Federal Government relating to a sequestration order issued under this Act; and

“(B) ending on the last day of the fiscal year to which the sequestration order described in subparagraph (A) applies.

“(2) PAY REDUCTION.—During a furlough period, the pay of each Member of Congress shall be reduced by the greatest percentage by which the pay of an individual employed by the Federal Government is reduced as a result of a furlough relating to the sequestration order for that furlough period.”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), the amendment made by subsection (a) shall take effect on the date of enactment of this section.

(2) 27TH AMENDMENT.—If the application of the amendment made by subsection (a) to the pay
of Members of Congress pursuant to paragraph (1) is held to be unconstitutional under the XXVII Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, the amendment made by subsection (a) shall take effect upon the convening of the 114th Congress.