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# H. R. 4799

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JOLLY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

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## A BILL

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Do Your Job or Don’t  
5 Get Paid Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. HOLDING SALARIES OF MEMBERS OF HOUSE IN ES-**  
2 **CROW UPON FAILURE TO PASS ALL REGULAR**  
3 **APPROPRIATION BILLS.**

4 (a) **HOLDING SALARIES IN ESCROW.**—If by October  
5 1 of any calendar year (beginning with 2016), the House  
6 of Representatives has not passed all of the regular appro-  
7 priation bills for the fiscal year which begins on that date,  
8 during the period described in subsection (b) the Chief Ad-  
9 ministrative Officer (or an employee of the Office of the  
10 Chief Administrative Officer who is designated by the  
11 Chief Administrative Officer to carry out this Act) shall  
12 deposit in an escrow account all payments otherwise re-  
13 quired to be made during such period for the compensa-  
14 tion of Members of the House, and shall release such pay-  
15 ments to the Members only upon the expiration of such  
16 period.

17 (b) **PERIOD DESCRIBED.**—With respect to a calendar  
18 year, the period described in this subsection is the period  
19 which begins on October 1 of the calendar year and ends  
20 on the earlier of—

21 (1) the first day by which the House of Rep-  
22 resentatives has passed all of the regular appropria-  
23 tion bills for the fiscal year which begins on that  
24 date; or

25 (2) the last day of the Congress during which  
26 that calendar year occurs.

1           (c) PERMITTING PASSAGE OF COMBINATION OF  
2 BILLS.—For purposes of this section, the House shall be  
3 considered to have passed all of the regular appropriation  
4 bills for a fiscal year if the House has passed each such  
5 bill individually or in combination with any other such  
6 bills.

7 **SEC. 3. ADMINISTRATION OF ESCROW.**

8           (a) WITHHOLDING AND REMITTANCE OF AMOUNTS  
9 FROM PAYMENTS HELD IN ESCROW.—The Chief Admin-  
10 istrative Officer shall provide for the same withholding  
11 and remittance with respect to a payment deposited in an  
12 escrow account under section 2 that would apply to the  
13 payment if the payment were not subject to such section.

14           (b) ROLE OF SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.—The  
15 Secretary of the Treasury shall provide the Chief Adminis-  
16 trative Officer with such assistance as may be necessary  
17 to enable the Chief Administrative Officer to carry out this  
18 Act.

19 **SEC. 4. RELEASE OF AMOUNTS AT END OF A CONGRESS.**

20           In order to ensure that this Act is carried out in a  
21 manner consistent with the twenty-seventh article of  
22 amendment to the Constitution of the United States, the  
23 Chief Administrative Officer shall release for payments to  
24 Members of the House of Representatives any amounts  
25 remaining in any escrow account under this Act on the

1 last day of the Congress during which the amounts were  
2 deposited in such account.

3 **SEC. 5. DEFINITIONS.**

4 In this Act—

5 (1) the term “Chief Administrative Officer”  
6 means the Chief Administrative Officer of the House  
7 of Representatives;

8 (2) the term “Member” includes a Delegate or  
9 Resident Commissioner to the Congress; and

10 (3) the term “regular appropriation bill” means  
11 any annual appropriation bill which, with respect to  
12 the Congress involved, is under the jurisdiction of a  
13 single subcommittee of the Committee on Appropria-  
14 tions of the House of Representatives (pursuant to  
15 the Rules of the House of Representatives for that  
16 Congress).

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