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Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States requiring Members of Congress to forfeit their compensation during Government shutdowns.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. GRAHAM introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice
and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled*
3 *(two-thirds of each House concurring therein),* That the fol-
4 lowing article is proposed as an amendment to the Con-
5 stitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all
6 intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when
7 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several
8 States:

1 “ARTICLE—

2 “SECTION 1. For any period during which there is
3 a lapse in appropriations as a result of a failure to enact
4 regular or continuing appropriations for one or more Fed-
5 eral agencies or departments, a Member of Congress shall
6 forfeit and not receive any compensation for the services
7 of the Member during such period.

8 “SECTION 2. Amounts forfeited under section 1 shall
9 be transferred to the general fund of the Treasury to be
10 used to reduce the Federal debt.

11 “SECTION 3. Congress shall have the power to en-
12 force this article by appropriate legislation.”.

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