

105TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 342

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STEARNS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, and in addition to the Committee on House Oversight, 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

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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. PAY OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND THE**  
4 **PRESIDENT DURING GOVERNMENT SHUT-**  
5 **DOWS.**

6 (a) COMPARABLE PAY TREATMENT FOR MEMBERS  
7 OF CONGRESS.—The basic pay of Members of Congress

1 shall be treated in the same manner as the basic pay of  
2 the most adversely affected Federal employees who are not  
3 compensated for any period in which—

4           (1) there is more than a 24-hour lapse in ap-  
5 propriations for any Federal agency or department  
6 as a result of a failure to enact a regular appropria-  
7 tions bill or continuing resolution; or

8           (2) the Federal Government is unable to make  
9 payments or meet obligations because the public  
10 debt limit under section 3101 of title 31, United  
11 States Code, has been reached.

12       (b) **AUTHORITY TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS.**—  
13 The Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Administrative  
14 Officer of the House of Representatives shall promulgate  
15 any regulations needed to implement this section in a  
16 manner consistent with the Constitution of the United  
17 States.

18       (c) **COMPARABLE PAY TREATMENT FOR THE PRESI-**  
19 **DENT OF THE UNITED STATES.**—The basic pay of the  
20 President of the United States shall be treated in the same  
21 manner as the pay of Members of Congress described in  
22 subsection (a).

1       (d) SEVERABILITY.—If any provision of this section  
2 is held invalid by any Federal court, the remaining provi-  
3 sions shall remain valid.

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