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H. R. 215

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WILSON of South Carolina introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committees on Oversight and Government Reform and Rules, 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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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 “Congressional Pay Re-
5 form Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. ELIMINATION OF AUTOMATIC PAY ADJUSTMENTS**
2 **FOR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.**

3 Section 601(a) of the Legislative Reorganization Act
4 of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 31) is amended to read as follows:

5 “SEC. 601. (a)(1) Until otherwise provided under sec-
6 tion 225 of the Federal Salary Act of 1967 (2 U.S.C. 351
7 and following) or any other provision of law, the annual
8 rate of pay for—

9 “(A) each Senator, Member of the House of
10 Representatives, and Delegate to the House of Rep-
11 resentatives, and the Resident Commissioner from
12 Puerto Rico,

13 “(B) the President pro tempore of the Senate,
14 the majority leader and the minority leader of the
15 Senate, and the majority leader and the minority
16 leader of the House of Representatives, and

17 “(C) the Speaker of the House of Representa-
18 tives,

19 shall be the rate payable for such position as of the date
20 of the enactment of the Congressional Pay Reform Act
21 of 2009.

22 “(2)(A)(i) Any bill or resolution, and any amendment
23 to any bill or resolution, that provides for any increase
24 in the rate of pay payable for any position referred to in
25 paragraph (1) may be adopted by the House of Represent-

1 atives or the Senate only by a vote recorded so as to reflect
2 the vote of each Member voting.

3 “(ii) Nothing in clause (i) shall apply with respect
4 to any pay adjustment under section 225 of the Federal
5 Salary Act of 1967.

6 “(B) The provisions of subparagraph (A) are enacted
7 by the Congress—

8 “(i) as an exercise of the rulemaking power of
9 the House of Representatives and the Senate, re-
10 spectively, and as such they shall be considered as
11 part of the rules of each House, respectively, and
12 such rules shall supersede other rules only to the ex-
13 tent that they are inconsistent therewith; and

14 “(ii) with full recognition of the constitutional
15 right of either House to change such rules (so far
16 as relating to such House) at any time, in the same
17 manner, and to the same extent as in the case of
18 any other rule of such House.”.

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