

111TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4761

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 4, 2010

Mr. ARCURI (for himself, Mr. MAFFEI, Mr. ELLSWORTH, and Mr. DONNELLY of Indiana) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, 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

To reduce the pay of Members of Congress and eliminate automatic adjustments to such pay, to establish a limit on the aggregate amount which may be appropriated for the Members' Representational Allowances of Members of the House of Representatives, and for other purposes.

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

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Congressional Belt-
3 Tightening Act of 2010”.

4 **SEC. 2. REDUCTION OF PAY OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS**
5 **AND ELIMINATION OF AUTOMATIC PAY AD-**
6 **JUSTMENTS.**

7 (a) **REDUCTION OF PAY.**—Section 601(a)(1) of the
8 Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 31(1))
9 is amended by inserting “95 percent of” before “the rate
10 determined for such positions”.

11 (b) **ELIMINATION OF AUTOMATIC PAY ADJUST-**
12 **MENTS.**—Paragraph (2) of section 601(a) of such Act is
13 repealed.

14 (c) **CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**—Section 601(a)(1)
15 of such Act is amended—

16 (1) by striking “(a)(1)” and inserting “(a)”;

17 (2) by redesignating subparagraphs (A), (B),
18 and (C) as paragraphs (1), (2), and (3), respectively;
19 and

20 (3) by striking “, as adjusted by paragraph (2)
21 of this subsection”.

22 (d) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—This section and the amend-
23 ments made by this section shall take effect on December
24 31, 2010.

1 **SEC. 3. LIMITATION ON AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF MEM-**
 2 **BERS' REPRESENTATIONAL ALLOWANCES.**

3 (a) LIMITATION.—Section 101 of the House of Rep-
 4 resentatives Administrative Reform Technical Corrections
 5 Act (2 U.S.C. 57b) is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating subsections (b) through (e)
 7 as subsections (c) through (f); and

8 (2) by inserting after subsection (a) the fol-
 9 lowing new subsection:

10 “(b) LIMITATION ON AMOUNT.—The aggregate
 11 amount of all Members’ Representational Allowances es-
 12 tablished for fiscal year 2011 and fiscal year 2012 may
 13 not exceed an amount equal to 95% of the aggregate
 14 amount of all Members’ Representational Allowances es-
 15 tablished for fiscal year 2010.”.

16 (b) REPEAL OF AUTHORITY OF COMMITTEE ON
 17 HOUSE ADMINISTRATION TO INCREASE AGGREGATE
 18 AMOUNT.—Section 1(a) of House Resolution 457, Ninety-
 19 second Congress, agreed to July 21, 1971, as enacted into
 20 permanent law by chapter IV of the Supplemental Appro-
 21 priations Act, 1972 (2 U.S.C. 57(a)) is amended by strik-
 22 ing “Subject to” and inserting “Subject to section 101(b)
 23 of the House of Representatives Administrative Reform
 24 Technical Corrections Act and”.

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