

111TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 5927

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 29, 2010

Mr. CRITZ 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

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Share the Financial
3 Burden Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. CAP ON AMOUNTS PROVIDED FOR ALLOWANCES**
5 **AND EXPENSES OF HOUSE AND SENATE OF-**
6 **FICES.**

7 (a) CAP ON ALLOWANCES AND EXPENSES.—The ag-
8 gregate amount which may be appropriated or otherwise
9 made available for any fiscal year for allowances and ex-
10 penses (including salaries) of any office of the House of
11 Representatives or any office of the Senate may not exceed
12 95 percent of the aggregate amount appropriated or other-
13 wise made available for fiscal year 2010 for allowances
14 and expenses of such office.

15 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

16 (1) the term “office of the House of Represent-
17 atives” means any office for which the amounts pro-
18 vided for salaries and expenses are disbursed by the
19 Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Rep-
20 resentatives; and

21 (2) the term “office of the Senate” means any
22 office for which the amounts provided for salaries
23 and expenses are disbursed by the Secretary of the
24 Senate.

25 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall apply with
26 respect to fiscal year 2011 and each succeeding fiscal year.

1 **SEC. 3. REDUCTION IN PAY FOR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.**

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

5 “SEC. 601. Until otherwise provided by the enact-
6 ment of a bill or joint resolution under section 225 of the
7 Federal Salary Act of 1967 (2 U.S.C. 351 et seq.) or the
8 enactment of any other provision of law, the annual rate
9 of pay for—

10 “(1) each Senator, Member of the House of
11 Representatives, and Delegate or Resident Commis-
12 sioner to the Congress;

13 “(2) 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 “(3) the Speaker of the House of Representa-
18 tives,

19 shall be 95 percent of the rate payable for such position
20 as of the last day of fiscal year 2010.”.

21 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
22 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to pay periods be-
23 ginning on or after January 1, 2011.

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