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H. R. 143

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 3, 2013

Mr. RIGELL 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 “Lead By Example
3 Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. CONDITION.**

5 Section 8432(c) of title 5, United States Code, is
6 amended by adding at the end the following:

7 “(4)(A) Notwithstanding any other provision of this
8 section, no contribution under this subsection may be
9 made for the benefit of any Member—

10 “(i) with respect to any pay period beginning
11 before the date on which Congress completes action
12 on a concurrent resolution on the budget for the fis-
13 cal year in which the first day of such pay period
14 occurs; and

15 “(ii) unless—

16 “(I) the deficit for the fiscal year referred
17 to in clause (i) (as set forth in the concurrent
18 resolution on the budget for such fiscal year),
19 is less than

20 “(II) the deficit for the preceding fiscal
21 year (as set forth in the concurrent resolution
22 on the budget for such preceding fiscal year).

23 “(B) If a determination under subparagraph (A)(ii)
24 cannot be made with respect to a fiscal year (as referred
25 to in subclause (I) thereof) due to a failure by Congress
26 to complete action on a concurrent resolution on the budg-

1 et for the preceding fiscal year (as referred to in subclause
2 (II) thereof) the condition under subparagraph (A)(ii)
3 shall be considered not to have been met for purposes of
4 the fiscal year referred to in subclause (I) thereof.

5 “(C) Clause (ii) of subparagraph (A) and subpara-
6 graph (B) shall cease to apply after the date on which
7 Congress completes action on a concurrent resolution on
8 the budget for the first fiscal year, following the date of
9 the enactment of this paragraph, for which there is no
10 deficit (as determined based on the concurrent resolution
11 on the budget for such fiscal year).

12 “(D) For purposes of this paragraph, the terms ‘con-
13 current resolution on the budget’ and ‘deficit’ have the re-
14 spective meanings given them by section 3 of the Congres-
15 sional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974.”.

16 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

17 The amendment made by this Act shall be effective
18 with respect to contributions for pay periods beginning in
19 any fiscal year which begins after the date of the enact-
20 ment of this Act.

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