

113TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3594

To prohibit the payment of death gratuities to the surviving heirs of deceased Members of Congress.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 21, 2013

Mr. COOPER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

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 Death
5 Benefit Elimination Act of 2013”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITING PAYMENT OF GRATUITIES TO SUR-**
7 **VIVORS OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.**

8 (a) PROHIBITION.—No payment may be made from
9 the applicable accounts of the House of Representatives,
10 the contingent fund of the Senate, or any other appro-

1 priated funds for a death gratuity payment to the widow,
2 widower, or heirs-at-law of any Member of Congress who
3 dies after the commencement of the Congress to which the
4 Member has been elected.

5 (b) NO EFFECT ON OTHER PAYMENTS TO SUR-
6 VIVORS.—Nothing in subsection (a) shall be construed to
7 prohibit or affect the payment to any individual of any
8 unpaid balance or salary or other sums due to a Member
9 of Congress who dies after the commencement of the Con-
10 gress to which the Member has been elected.

11 **SEC. 3. DEFINITION.**

12 For purposes of this Act, a “Member of Congress”
13 means a Senator or a Representative in, or Delegate or
14 Resident Commissioner to, the Congress.

15 **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

16 This Act shall apply with respect to any death occur-
17 ring after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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