

113TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 3904

To reduce the period of the availability of allowances for former Speakers of the House of Representatives to one year, beginning on the date of the expiration of an individual's service as Speaker.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 16, 2014

Mr. BARROW of Georgia introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

A BILL

To reduce the period of the availability of allowances for former Speakers of the House of Representatives to one year, beginning on the date of the expiration of an individual's service as Speaker.

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. TIMING OF AVAILABILITY OF ALLOWANCES**
4 **FOR FORMER SPEAKERS.**

5 (a) 1-YEAR PERIOD OF AVAILABILITY; PERIOD TO
6 BEGIN UPON EXPIRATION OF SERVICE AS SPEAKER.—
7 Section 8(2) of House Resolution 1238, Ninety-first Con-
8 gress, agreed to December 22, 1970 (as enacted into per-

1 manent law by chapter VIII of the Supplemental Appro-
 2 priations Act, 1971) (2 U.S.C. 31b-7(2)) is amended by
 3 striking “for 5 years, commencing at the expiration of the
 4 term of office of the individual as a Representative in Con-
 5 gress” and inserting the following: “for 1 year, com-
 6 mencing at the expiration of the individual’s service as
 7 Speaker”.

8 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

9 (1) USE OF OFFICE.—The first section of
 10 House Resolution 1238, Ninety-first Congress,
 11 agreed to December 22, 1970 (as enacted into per-
 12 manent law by chapter VIII of the Supplemental
 13 Appropriations Act, 1971) (2 U.S.C. 31b-1(a)), is
 14 amended—

15 (A) by striking “the expiration of his term
 16 of office as a Representative in Congress” and
 17 inserting “the expiration of the individual’s
 18 service as Speaker of the House of Representa-
 19 tives”; and

20 (B) by striking “his incumbency in office
 21 as a Representative in Congress and as Speak-
 22 er” and inserting “the individual’s incumbency
 23 in office as Speaker”.

1 (2) AVAILABILITY OF ALLOWANCE.—Section 2
2 of such House Resolution (2 U.S.C. 31b–2) is
3 amended—

4 (A) by striking “the expiration of his term
5 of office as a Representative in Congress” and
6 inserting “the expiration of the individual’s
7 service as Speaker of the House of Representa-
8 tives”; and

9 (B) by striking “his incumbency in office
10 as a Representative in Congress and as Speak-
11 er” and inserting “the individual’s incumbency
12 in office as Speaker”.

13 (3) FRANKED MAIL.—Section 4 of such House
14 Resolution (2 U.S.C. 31b–4) is amended by striking
15 “the expiration of his term of office as a Representa-
16 tive in Congress” and inserting “the expiration of
17 the individual’s service as Speaker of the House of
18 Representatives”.

19 (4) ADDITIONAL STAFF.—Section 5 of such
20 House Resolution (2 U.S.C. 31b–5) is amended—

21 (A) by striking “his incumbency in office
22 as a Representative in Congress and as Speak-
23 er” and inserting “the individual’s incumbency
24 in office as Speaker”; and

1 (B) by striking “the expiration of the term
2 of office of the Speaker as a Representative in
3 Congress” and inserting “the expiration of the
4 individual’s service as Speaker”.

5 **SEC. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

6 The amendments made by this Act shall apply with
7 respect to any individual who is a former Speaker of the
8 House of Representatives at any time before, on, or after
9 the date of the enactment of this Act.

○