

113TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4896

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 18, 2014

Mr. RIBBLE (for himself and Mr. RIGELL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Rules, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Do Your Job Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

6 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) The Federal debt exceeds
2 \$17,000,000,000,000 and continues to grow.

3 (2) It is the responsibility of Members of Con-
4 gress to enact and implement policies that encourage
5 economic growth and job creation, including a bal-
6 anced budget.

7 (3) In 2013, the House of Representatives was
8 in session only 160 days and the Senate was in ses-
9 sion only 156 days.

10 (4) Congressional recess in a time of excessive
11 national debt is a lost opportunity to reach agree-
12 ment about a balanced budget.

13 **SEC. 3. NO CONGRESSIONAL RECESSES.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—During the period beginning on
15 the date of enactment of this Act and ending on the date
16 specified in subsection (b), neither the Senate nor the
17 House of Representatives may recess or stand adjourned
18 for a period of longer than 24 hours.

19 (b) BALANCED BUDGET AGREED TO.—The date de-
20 scribed in this subsection is the date a concurrent resolu-
21 tion on the budget is agreed to that establishes a level
22 of deficit of \$0 or a surplus by not later than fiscal year
23 2024.

24 (c) RULES OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND
25 SENATE.—This section is enacted by Congress—

1 (1) as an exercise of the rulemaking power of
 2 the Senate and House of Representatives, respec-
 3 tively, and as such it is deemed a part of the rules
 4 of each House, respectively, and it supersedes other
 5 rules only to the extent that it is inconsistent with
 6 such rules; and

7 (2) with full recognition of the constitutional
 8 right of either House to change the rules (so far as
 9 relating to the procedure of that House) at any time,
 10 in the same manner, and to the same extent as in
 11 the case of any other rule of that House.

12 **SEC. 4. HOUSE AND SENATE APPROVAL OF REGULAR AP-**
 13 **PROPRIATION BILLS.**

14 Section 312 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974
 15 is amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
 16 section:

17 “(g) HOUSE AND SENATE APPROVAL OF REGULAR
 18 APPROPRIATION BILLS.—

19 “(1) POINT OF ORDER IN THE HOUSE OF REP-
 20 RESENTATIVES AGAINST ADJOURNING IN AUGUST
 21 UNTIL HOUSE PASSAGE OF ALL APPROPRIATION
 22 BILLS.—It shall not be in order in the House of
 23 Representatives to consider any resolution providing
 24 for an adjournment period of more than three cal-
 25 endar days during the month of August until the

1 House of Representatives has approved annual ap-
2 propriation bills providing new budget authority
3 under the jurisdiction of all the subcommittees of
4 the Committee on Appropriations of the House of
5 Representatives for the fiscal year beginning on Oc-
6 tober 1 of such year.

7 “(2) POINTS OF ORDER IN THE HOUSE OF REP-
8 RESENTATIVES AND SENATE AGAINST ADJOURNING
9 UNTIL HOUSE AND SENATE PASSAGE OF ALL APPRO-
10 PRIATION BILLS.—Beginning on October 1 of a ses-
11 sion of Congress and during the duration of that
12 session, it shall not be in order in the House of Rep-
13 resentatives or the Senate to consider any resolution
14 providing for an adjournment period of more than
15 three calendar days for the duration of that session
16 until the annual appropriation bills providing new
17 budget authority under the jurisdiction of all the
18 subcommittees of the Committees on Appropriations
19 of the House of Representatives and the Senate for
20 the fiscal year beginning on October 1 of such year
21 have been presented to the President under section
22 7 of article I of the Constitution.”.

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