

113TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 436

To require that the salaries of Members of Congress be sequestered during any sequester under the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 4, 2013

Mr. NELSON (for himself and Mrs. MCCASKILL) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Budget

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 “Sequester for Congres-
5 sional Pay and Accountability Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. SEQUESTERING THE PAY OF MEMBERS OF CON-**
7 **GRESS.**

8 (a) MEMBER SEQUESTER.—Section 251 of the Bal-
9 anced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985

1 (2 U.S.C. 901) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 2 lowing:

3 “(d) CONGRESSIONAL PAY.—

4 “(1) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term
 5 ‘furlough period’ means each period—

6 “(A) beginning on the effective date of the
 7 first furlough of any individual employed by the
 8 Federal Government relating to a sequestration
 9 order issued under this Act; and

10 “(B) ending on the last day of the fiscal
 11 year to which the sequestration order described
 12 in subparagraph (A) applies.

13 “(2) PAY REDUCTION.—During a furlough pe-
 14 riod, the pay of each Member of Congress shall be
 15 reduced by the greatest percentage by which the pay
 16 of an individual employed by the Federal Govern-
 17 ment is reduced as a result of a furlough relating to
 18 the sequestration order for that furlough period.”.

19 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
 21 graph (2), the amendment made by subsection (a)
 22 shall take effect on the date of enactment of this
 23 section.

24 (2) 27TH AMENDMENT.—If the application of
 25 the amendment made by subsection (a) to the pay

1 of Members of Congress pursuant to paragraph (1)
2 is held to be unconstitutional under the XXVII
3 Amendment to the Constitution of the United
4 States, the amendment made by subsection (a) shall
5 take effect upon the convening of the 114th Con-
6 gress.

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