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To prohibit Members of Congress and the President from receiving pay
during Government shutdowns.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 22 (legislative day, JANUARY 3), 2013

Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mr. CASEY) introduced the following bill; which
was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and
Governmental Affairs

A BILL

To prohibit Members of Congress and the President from
receiving pay during Government shutdowns.

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. PROHIBITION ON PAY DURING GOVERNMENT**
4 **SHUTDOWN.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Members of Congress and the
6 President shall not receive basic pay for any period in
7 which—

8 (1) there is more than a 24-hour lapse in ap-
9 propriations for any Federal agency or department

1 as a result of a failure to enact a regular appropria-
2 tions bill or continuing resolution; or

3 (2) the Federal Government is unable to make
4 payments or meet obligations because the public
5 debt limit under section 3101 of title 31, United
6 States Code, has been reached.

7 (b) RETROACTIVE PAY PROHIBITED.—No pay for-
8 feited in accordance with subsection (a) may be paid retro-
9 actively.

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