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H. R. 2665

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 25, 2017

Mr. BACON (for himself, Mr. BERGMAN, and Mr. GALLAGHER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, 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 “Accountability for Con-
5 gressional Pay Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REDUCTION IN PAY OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS IN**
2 **RESPONSE TO BUDGET DEFICIT.**

3 (a) REDUCTION.—Section 601(a)(2) of the Legisla-
4 tive Reorganization Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4501(2)) is
5 amended by adding at the end the following:

6 “(C)(i) If, as determined by the Director of the Office
7 of Management and Budget, total budget outlays of the
8 Government for a fiscal year exceed total revenues of the
9 Government for such fiscal year—

10 “(I) for all pay periods occurring during the
11 next calendar year which begins after that fiscal
12 year, each annual rate of pay referred to in para-
13 graph (1) shall be reduced by the percentage by
14 which outlays exceeded revenues for that fiscal year
15 (except that such reduction may not exceed 15 per-
16 cent); and

17 “(II) no adjustment may be made under sub-
18 paragraph (A) in any such rate of pay during that
19 next calendar year.

20 “(ii) If an individual did not hold a position described
21 in paragraph (1) during a fiscal year for which total budg-
22 et outlays of the Government exceeded total revenues of
23 the Government (as described in clause (i)), clause (i) shall
24 not apply to the annual rate of pay for such individual
25 during the next calendar year.”.

1 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
2 601(a)(2)(A) of such Act (2 U.S.C. 4501(2)(A)) is amend-
3 ed by striking “Subject to subparagraph (B),” and insert-
4 ing “Subject to subparagraphs (B) and (C),”.

5 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
6 this section shall apply with respect to fiscal year 2018
7 and each succeeding fiscal year.

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