

113TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 296

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 15, 2013

Mr. NUGENT 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

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## 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 “Congress is Not a Ca-  
5 reer Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANTING MEMBERS OF CONGRESS THE OPTION**  
2 **TO DECLINE CERTAIN BENEFITS.**

3 (a) **FEDERAL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM**  
4 **OPT OUT.**—Section 8401(20) of title 5, United States  
5 Code, is amended by striking “, and who” and all that  
6 follows through “2004”.

7 (b) **THRIFT SAVINGS PLAN AGENCY CONTRIBUTION**  
8 **OPT OUT.**—Section 8432(c) of such title is amended by  
9 adding at the end the following:

10 “(4)(A) Notwithstanding any other provision of  
11 this subsection, contributions under paragraphs (1)  
12 through (3) may not be made in the case of any  
13 Member who makes an election under subparagraph  
14 (B).

15 “(B) Any Member may, by written notice to the  
16 official by whom such Member is paid, elect not to  
17 receive contributions under this subsection. An elec-  
18 tion under this subparagraph—

19 “(i) shall be effective with respect to pay  
20 periods beginning on or after the date on which  
21 such election is made; and

22 “(ii) shall be irrevocable.”.

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