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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CAMP introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

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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. REQUIRING AMOUNTS REMAINING IN MEM-**  
4 **BERS' REPRESENTATIONAL ALLOWANCES TO**  
5 **BE USED FOR DEFICIT REDUCTION OR TO RE-**  
6 **DUCE THE FEDERAL DEBT.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-  
8 sion of law, any amounts appropriated for the Members'

1 Representational Allowance of a Member of the House of  
2 Representatives for a fiscal year which remain after all  
3 payments are made under such Allowance for the year  
4 shall be deposited in the Treasury and used for deficit re-  
5 duction, except that in the case of a fiscal year for which  
6 there is no Federal budget deficit, such amounts shall be  
7 used to reduce the Federal debt (in such manner as the  
8 Secretary of the Treasury considers appropriate).

9 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall apply with  
10 respect to fiscal year 2011 and each succeeding fiscal year.

11 **SEC. 2. PUBLICATION REQUIREMENT.**

12 After each session of Congress or other period for  
13 which the Members' Representational Allowance is made  
14 available, there shall be published in the Congressional  
15 Record a statement showing, with respect to such session  
16 or period, the amount deposited with respect to each Mem-  
17 ber under section 1 and the total deposited with respect  
18 to all Members.

19 **SEC. 3. REGULATIONS.**

20 The Committee on House Administration of the  
21 House of Representatives shall have authority to prescribe  
22 regulations to carry out this Act.

1 **SEC. 4. DEFINITION.**

2       As used in this Act, the term “Member of the House  
3 of Representatives” means a Representative in, or a Dele-  
4 gate or Resident Commissioner to, the Congress.

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