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H. R. 3211

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 14, 2009

Mr. KAGEN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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 “Cost of Living Equity
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ADJUSTMENT TO PERCENTAGE INCREASES IN BEN-**
2 **EFITS UNDER TITLE II OF THE SOCIAL SECUR-**
3 **RITY ACT TO ENSURE THAT SUCH INCREASES**
4 **ARE IN NO CASE LESS THAN PERCENTAGE IN-**
5 **CREASES IN COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS**
6 **OF CONGRESS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 215(i)(2)(A) of the Social
8 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i)(2)(A)) is amended by add-
9 ing at the end the following new clause:

10 “(iv) Notwithstanding clause (ii), the Commissioner
11 shall, effective with the month of December of each year
12 as provided in subparagraph (B), irrespective of whether
13 the base quarter in that year is a cost of living computa-
14 tion quarter, apply and adjust the increases described in
15 subclauses (I), (II), and (III) of clause (ii) as necessary
16 so as to result in a percentage increase in the amounts
17 described in such subclauses (including each of those
18 amounts as previously increased under this subparagraph)
19 which is not less than the percentage increase in com-
20 pensation of Members of Congress specified under section
21 31(2) of title 2, United States Code, for the first applica-
22 ble pay period after such month to which such increase
23 applies (as determined without regard to any other appli-
24 cable provision of law affecting such compensation). Any
25 percentage increase determined under this clause shall be

1 treated as a percentage increase determined under clause
2 (ii).”.

3 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by
4 this section shall apply with respect to increases deter-
5 mined under section 215(i)(2)(A) of the Social Security
6 Act occurring after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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