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To provide that Members of Congress shall be paid last whenever the Treasury is unable to satisfy the obligations of the United States Government in a timely manner because the public debt limit has been reached.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 5, 2017

Mr. COOPER (for himself, Mr. O'HALLERAN, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mr. SCHRADER, and Mr. COSTA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

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 “Stop Pay for Members
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TO BE PAID LAST.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—In the event that the public debt
8 of the United States Government reaches the public debt

1 limit, the obligation to pay basic pay of Members of Con-
2 gress may not be satisfied until—

3 (1) all other obligations of the United States
4 Government which are then due have been satisfied;
5 or

6 (2) if earlier, the ability of the Treasury to sat-
7 isfy the obligations of the United States Government
8 in a timely manner is restored, whether by an in-
9 crease in the public debt limit or otherwise.

10 (b) CONSENT.—Each Member of Congress consents
11 and agrees that payment of basic pay in accordance with
12 subsection (a) shall constitute a full and complete dis-
13 charge and acquittance of all claims and demands for serv-
14 ice as such a Member during the period covered by the
15 payment.

16 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

17 For purposes of this Act—

18 (1) the term “public debt limit” means the dol-
19 lar limitation contained in section 3101(b) of title
20 31, United States Code; and

21 (2) the term “Member of Congress” means
22 each individual whose annual rate of pay is deter-
23 mined under section 601(a) of the Legislative Reor-
24 ganization Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4501).