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H. R. 5653

To provide that Members of Congress shall not be paid if Congress has not approved a concurrent resolution on the budget and passed the regular appropriations bills on a timely basis.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 21, 2023

Mr. NICKEL (for himself, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. CORREA, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. THANEDAR, Mr. TRONE, and Mr. MOSKOWITZ) 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 “No Budget, No Pay
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITING COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS OF**
2 **CONGRESS FOR FAILURE TO AGREE TO**
3 **BUDGET RESOLUTION OR PASS REGULAR AP-**
4 **PROPRIATIONS BILLS ON TIMELY BASIS.**

5 (a) **FAILURE TO AGREE TO BUDGET RESOLUTION.**—

6 (1) **PROHIBITING COMPENSATION.**—If by April
7 15 of any calendar year occurring during a Congress
8 (beginning with the One Hundred Nineteenth Con-
9 gress), both Houses of Congress have not agreed to
10 a concurrent resolution on the budget pursuant to
11 section 301 of the Congressional Budget Act of
12 1974 for the fiscal year which begins on October 1
13 of that year, no Member of Congress may receive
14 compensation with respect to the period described in
15 paragraph (2).

16 (2) **PERIOD DESCRIBED.**—The period described
17 in this paragraph is the period which begins on April
18 16 of the calendar year and ends on the day on
19 which both Houses of Congress agree to a concu-
20 rent resolution on the budget for the fiscal year
21 which begins on October 1 of that year.

22 (b) **FAILURE TO PASS REGULAR APPROPRIATION**
23 **BILLS.**—

24 (1) **PROHIBITING COMPENSATION.**—If by Sep-
25 tember 30 of any calendar year occurring during a
26 Congress (beginning with the One Hundred Nine-

1 teenth Congress), both Houses of Congress have not
2 passed each of the regular appropriation bills for the
3 fiscal year which begins on October 1 of that year,
4 no Member of Congress may receive compensation
5 with respect to the period described in paragraph
6 (2).

7 (2) PERIOD DESCRIBED.—The period described
8 in this paragraph is the period which begins on Oc-
9 tober 1 of the calendar year and ends on the first
10 day by which both Houses of Congress have passed
11 each of the regular appropriation bills for the fiscal
12 year which begins on October 1 of that year.

13 (3) REGULAR APPROPRIATION BILL DE-
14 FINED.—The term “regular appropriation bill”
15 means any annual appropriation bill which, with re-
16 spect to the Congress involved, is under the jurisdic-
17 tion of a single subcommittee of the Committee on
18 Appropriations of the House of Representatives
19 (pursuant to the Rules of the House of Representa-
20 tives for that Congress) and a single subcommittee
21 of the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate
22 (pursuant to the Standing Rules of the Senate).

23 (c) TREATMENT OF DELEGATES AS MEMBERS; EX-
24 CLUSION OF VICE PRESIDENT.—In this section, the term
25 “Member of Congress” includes a Delegate or Resident

- 1 Commissioner to the Congress but does not include the
- 2 Vice President.

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