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H. R. 1085

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 7, 2019

Mrs. LESKO (for herself, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. MEADOWS, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Mr. BIGGS, Mr. DAVIDSON of Ohio, and Mr. CHABOT) 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 "Give it Back to the
5 Taxpayers Act".

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIRING AMOUNTS REMAINING IN MEMBERS'**
2 **REPRESENTATIONAL ALLOWANCES TO BE**
3 **USED FOR DEFICIT REDUCTION OR TO RE-**
4 **DUCE THE FEDERAL DEBT.**

5 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Notwithstanding any other provi-
6 sion of law, any amounts appropriated for Members' Rep-
7 resentational Allowances for the House of Representatives
8 for a fiscal year which remain after all payments are made
9 under such Allowances for the year shall be deposited in
10 the Treasury and used for deficit reduction, except that
11 in the case of a fiscal year for which there is no Federal
12 budget deficit, such amounts shall be used to reduce the
13 Federal debt (in such manner as the Secretary of the
14 Treasury considers appropriate).

15 (b) **DEFINITION.**—As used in this Act, the term
16 “Member of the House of Representatives” means a Rep-
17 resentative in, or a Delegate or Resident Commissioner
18 to, the Congress.

19 (c) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—This Act shall apply with re-
20 spect to fiscal year 2019 and each succeeding fiscal year.

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