

113TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3215

To amend the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 to suspend the salary of Members of Congress and deem Members of Congress as “non-essential” employees during a government shutdown.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 28, 2013

Mr. GALLEGO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Shutdown Pay for
5 Members of Congress Act of 2013”.

1 **SEC. 2. ELIMINATION OF PAY FOR MEMBERS OF CON-**
2 **GRESS.**

3 Section 601(a)(2) of the Legislative Reorganization
4 Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 31) is amended by amending the
5 section to read as follows:

6 “(C) Effective with the termination of a fiscal year
7 at the end of which the U.S. House of Representatives
8 and the U.S. Senate fail to reach agreement on govern-
9 ment spending, Members of Congress may not receive pay
10 until a government spending agreement by the U.S. House
11 of Representatives and U.S. Senate on future spending is
12 agreed to.”.

13 **SEC. 3. DEFINITION OF ESSENTIAL AND NON-ESSENTIAL**
14 **FEDERAL EMPLOYEES.**

15 Consistent with the Constitution and the Anti-Defi-
16 ciency Act, 31 U.S.C. 1341, 1342, the Committee on
17 House Administration is required to consider the following
18 definitions for the legislative branch including:

19 (1) “Employing authority” under House Rules
20 where Members of Congress would be deemed “non-
21 essential”.

22 **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

23 The amendments made by this Act shall apply with
24 respect to any adjustment which, but for this Act, would
25 otherwise become effective in the event of a lapse in appro-

- 1 priations for government spending where the government
- 2 would thereby shut down.

