

112TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4036

To amend the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 to impose a daily reduction in the rates of pay for Members of Congress if Congress fails to agree to a concurrent resolution on the budget.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 15, 2012

Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio 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 “Pass a Budget Now
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DAILY REDUCTION IN RATES OF PAY FOR MEMBERS**
2 **OF CONGRESS FOR FAILURE TO AGREE TO**
3 **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON BUDGET.**

4 (a) REDUCTION.—Section 601(a) of the Legislative
5 Reorganization Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 31) is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “paragraph
7 (2)” and inserting “paragraphs (2) and (3)”; and

8 (2) by adding at the end the following new
9 paragraph (2):

10 “(3)(A) If by April 15 of any year a House of Con-
11 gress has not agreed to a concurrent resolution on the
12 budget for the fiscal year which begins on October 1 of
13 that year, the rate of pay for each of the positions of that
14 House which are described in paragraph (1) shall be re-
15 duced during each pay period occurring during the year
16 by an amount equal to the product of—

17 “(i) the average daily rate of pay for the posi-
18 tion involved for pay periods occurring during the
19 year (determined on the basis of the annual rate of
20 pay for such positions under this subsection); and

21 “(ii) the number of days during the pay period
22 which occur after April 15 and before that House
23 agrees to a concurrent resolution on the budget for
24 the fiscal year which begins on October 1 of that
25 year.

1 “(B) To the extent that compensation is not paid to
2 Members of Congress as a result of this paragraph, the
3 amounts not paid shall be used for deficit reduction.”.

4 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
5 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to 2013 and each
6 succeeding year.

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