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H. R. 7044

To withhold the pay of Members of the House of Representatives who cast a vote or record their presence in the House by proxy, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BUDD (for himself, Mr. BIGGS, Mr. BERGMAN, Mr. ROUZER, Mr. CURTIS, Mr. POSEY, Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina, and Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia) 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 Pay for Proxy Vot-
5 ing Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. WITHHOLDING PAY OF MEMBERS WHO VOTE BY**
7 **PROXY.**

8 (a) WITHHOLDING.—If on any day during a Congress
9 a Member of the House of Representatives uses a des-

1 designated proxy to cast a vote in the House or record the
2 Member's presence in the House in response to a quorum
3 call, the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Rep-
4 resentatives shall—

5 (1) withhold from the payments otherwise re-
6 quired to be made with respect to a pay period for
7 the compensation of the Member an amount equal to
8 the product of—

9 (A) an amount equal to one day's worth of
10 pay under the annual rate of pay applicable to
11 the Member under section 601(a) of the Legis-
12 lative Reorganization Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C.
13 4501); and

14 (B) the number of days during the pay pe-
15 riod on which the Member uses a designated
16 proxy to cast a vote in the House or record the
17 Member's presence in the House in response to
18 a quorum call; and

19 (2) deposit in an escrow account all amounts
20 withheld under paragraph (1).

21 (b) RELEASE OF AMOUNTS AT END OF THE CON-
22 GRESS.—In order to ensure that this section is carried out
23 in a manner that shall not vary the compensation of Rep-
24 resentatives in violation of the twenty-seventh article of
25 amendment to the Constitution of the United States, the

1 Chief Administrative Officer shall release for payments to
2 Members any amounts remaining in any escrow account
3 under this section on the last day of the Congress during
4 which the amounts were deposited in the account.

5 (c) ROLE OF SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.—The
6 Secretary of the Treasury shall provide the Chief Adminis-
7 trative Officer with such assistance as may be necessary
8 to enable the Chief Administrative Officer to carry out this
9 section.

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