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H. R. 793

To prohibit the use of funds for the official travel of Members of Congress during any period in which a Government shutdown is in effect.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BUCK 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. PROHIBITING MEMBER OFFICIAL TRAVEL DUR-**
4 **ING SHUTDOWN.**

5 (a) PROHIBITION.—Except as provided in subsection
6 (b), no appropriated funds, including official funds of the
7 House of Representatives, official funds of the Senate, or
8 funds available under any Federal law, rule, or regulation,
9 may be used to pay for the costs of travel by a Member

1 of Congress during any period in which a Government
2 shutdown is in effect.

3 (b) EXCEPTION FOR TRAVEL BY MEMBER TO WASH-
4 INGTON METROPOLITAN AREA.—Subsection (a) does not
5 apply with respect to travel by a Member of Congress to
6 the Washington Metropolitan Area.

7 (c) DETERMINATION OF GOVERNMENT SHUT-
8 DOWN.—For purposes of subsection (a), a Government
9 shutdown shall be considered to be in effect if there is
10 a lapse in appropriations for any Federal agency or de-
11 partment as a result of a failure to enact a regular appro-
12 priations bill or continuing resolution.

13 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

14 (1) the term “Member of Congress” means a
15 Senator or a Representative in, or Delegate or Resi-
16 dent Commissioner to, the Congress; and

17 (2) the term “Washington Metropolitan Area”
18 means the District of Columbia, the Counties of
19 Montgomery and Prince Georges in Maryland, and
20 the Counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudon, and
21 Prince William and the Cities of Alexandria and
22 Falls Church in Virginia.

23 (e) SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING NEED OF
24 MEMBERS TO REMAIN AT WORK DURING GOVERNMENT
25 SHUTDOWN.—It is the sense of Congress that, whenever

- 1 a Government shutdown is in effect, Members of Congress
- 2 should remain at work in Washington, DC until the shut-
- 3 down is no longer in effect.

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