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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. ABRAHAM introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs

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 “Congressional Fiscal
5 Responsibility Incentive Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROVISIONS RELATING TO MEMBERS' PAY.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 601(a) of the Legislative
3 Reorganization Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 31) is amended by
4 adding at the end the following:

5 “(3)(A) For purposes of this paragraph, any deter-
6 mination as to whether total receipts of the Federal Gov-
7 ernment are greater than, less than, or equal to its total
8 expenditures in a fiscal year shall be determined using
9 total public expenditures, respectively, as indicated in the
10 report submitted by the Secretary of the Treasury to the
11 Congress under section 331(c) of title 31, United States
12 Code, for such year.

13 “(B) Notwithstanding paragraphs (1) and (2) of this
14 subsection, whenever the total expenditures of the Federal
15 Government exceed its total receipts for a fiscal year, the
16 annual rate of pay for each position under paragraph (1)
17 (A) through (C) shall be reduced by 10 percent, effective
18 as of the first applicable pay period beginning on or after
19 the date as of which Congress receives the report (referred
20 to in subparagraph (A)) relating to such fiscal year.

21 “(C) Effective as of the first applicable pay period
22 beginning on or after the date as of which Congress re-
23 ceives a report (referred to in subparagraph (A)) indicat-
24 ing that total receipts of the Federal Government are
25 greater than or equal to its total expenditures for a fiscal
26 year—

1 “(i) all reductions under subparagraph (B) then
2 in effect shall be disregarded; and

3 “(ii) pay for each position under paragraph (1)
4 (A) through (C) shall be restored to the level which
5 would then be in effect for such position if this para-
6 graph had never been enacted.

7 “(D) A pay adjustment under subparagraph (B) or
8 (C) shall be made before any other adjustment otherwise
9 scheduled to take effect on the same day for the same posi-
10 tion.”.

11 (b) PROCEDURES.—(1) It shall not be in order in ei-
12 ther the House of Representatives or the Senate to con-
13 sider any bill or resolution which would increase the rate
14 of basic pay for the Members of Congress (excluding any
15 bill or resolution to which section 225(i) of the Federal
16 Salary Act of 1967 (2 U.S.C. 359) applies) unless that
17 bill or resolution deals with no subject matter other than
18 a pay increase for Members.

19 (2) Any bill or resolution which is subject to para-
20 graph (1) may be passed or adopted, as the case may be,
21 by the House of Representatives or the Senate only by
22 a vote recorded so as to reflect the vote of each Member
23 voting.

24 (3) Paragraphs (1) and (2) are enacted by Con-
25 gress—

1 (A) as an exercise of the rulemaking power of
2 the House of Representatives and the Senate, re-
3 spectively, and such rules shall supersede other rules
4 only to the extent that they are inconsistent there-
5 with; and

6 (B) with full recognition of the constitutional
7 right of each House to change such rules (so far as
8 relating to such House) at any time, in such man-
9 ner, and to the same extent as in the case of any
10 other rule of such House.

11 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—(1) This Act and the amend-
12 ments made by this Act shall—

13 (A) take effect on October 1 of the first fiscal
14 year following the fiscal year in which this Act is en-
15 acted; and

16 (B) shall first apply to the fiscal year following
17 the fiscal year in which this Act is enacted.

18 (2) This Act shall have no force or effect on and after
19 the date of passage by both Houses of the Congress of
20 a proposed amendment to the United States Constitution
21 that requires that the total budgetary outlays of the Unit-
22 ed States in any fiscal year may not exceed the total re-
23 ceipts in such fiscal year.

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