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H. R. 2214

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 27, 2017

Mr. O'HALLERAN 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Government Shutdown
3 Accountability and Economic Report Act of 2017”.

4 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITING PAY OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS IN**
5 **EVENT OF GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN.**

6 (a) PROHIBITION OF PAY.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—If on any day during a pay
8 period a Government shutdown is in effect, the pay-
9 roll administrator of each House of Congress shall
10 exclude from the payments otherwise required to be
11 made with respect to that pay period for the com-
12 pensation of each Member of Congress who serves in
13 that House of Congress an amount equal to the
14 product of—

15 (A) an amount equal to one day’s worth of
16 pay under the annual rate of pay applicable to
17 the Member under section 601(a) of the Legis-
18 lative Reorganization Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C.
19 4501); and

20 (B) the number of 24-hour periods during
21 which the Government shutdown is in effect
22 which occur during the pay period.

23 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This subsection shall
24 apply with respect to days occurring after the date
25 of the regularly scheduled general election for Fed-
26 eral office held in November 2018.

1 (b) SPECIAL RULE FOR ONE HUNDRED FIFTEENTH
2 CONGRESS.—

3 (1) HOLDING SALARIES IN ESCROW.—If on any
4 day during the One Hundred Fifteenth Congress a
5 Government shutdown is in effect, the payroll ad-
6 ministrator of that House of Congress shall—

7 (A) withhold from the payments otherwise
8 required to be made with respect to a pay pe-
9 riod for the compensation of each Member of
10 Congress who serves in that House of Congress
11 an amount equal to the product of—

12 (i) an amount equal to one day's
13 worth of pay under the annual rate of pay
14 applicable to the Member under section
15 601(a) of the Legislative Reorganization
16 Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4501); and

17 (ii) the number of 24-hour periods
18 during which the Government shutdown is
19 in effect which occur during the pay pe-
20 riod; and

21 (B) deposit in an escrow account all
22 amounts withheld under subparagraph (A).

23 (2) RELEASE OF AMOUNTS AT END OF THE
24 CONGRESS.—In order to ensure that this subsection
25 is carried out in a manner that shall not vary the

1 compensation of Senators or Representatives in vio-
2 lation of the twenty-seventh article of amendment to
3 the Constitution of the United States, the payroll
4 administrator of a House of Congress shall release
5 for payments to Members of that House of Congress
6 any amounts remaining in any escrow account under
7 this subsection on the last day of the One Hundred
8 Fifteenth Congress.

9 (3) EXCEPTION FOR DAYS OCCURRING AFTER
10 GENERAL ELECTION.—This subsection does not
11 apply with respect to any day during the One Hun-
12 dred Fifteenth Congress which occurs after the date
13 of the regularly scheduled general election for Fed-
14 eral office held in November 2018.

15 (c) ROLE OF SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.—The
16 Secretary of the Treasury shall provide the payroll admin-
17 istrators of the Houses of Congress with such assistance
18 as may be necessary to enable the payroll administrators
19 to carry out this section.

20 (d) PAYROLL ADMINISTRATOR DEFINED.—In this
21 section, the “payroll administrator” of a House of Con-
22 gress means—

23 (1) in the case of the House of Representatives,
24 the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of
25 Representatives, or an employee of the Office of the

1 Chief Administrative Officer who is designated by
2 the Chief Administrative Officer to carry out this
3 section; and

4 (2) in the case of the Senate, the Secretary of
5 the Senate, or an employee of the Office of the Sec-
6 retary of the Senate who is designated by the Sec-
7 retary to carry out this section.

8 (e) MEMBER OF CONGRESS DEFINED.—In this sec-
9 tion, the term “Member of Congress” means an individual
10 serving in a position under subparagraph (A), (B), or (C)
11 of section 601(a) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of
12 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4501).

13 **SEC. 3. REPORTS BY CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE ON**
14 **ECONOMIC COSTS AND COSTS TO TAXPAYERS**
15 **OF GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN.**

16 Not later than 24 hours after each day on which a
17 Government shutdown is in effect, the Director of the
18 Congressional Budget Office shall submit a report to Con-
19 gress containing information on each of the following,
20 based on the most recent information available to the Di-
21 rector:

22 (1) An estimate of the economic output lost on
23 that day as the result of the Government shutdown.

1 (2) An estimate of any decrease in gross domes-
2 tic product for the quarter that will occur as the re-
3 sult of the Government shutdown.

4 (3) The value of any assistance, including loans,
5 grants, and contracts, that the Small Business Ad-
6 ministration was unable to provide as the result of
7 the Government shutdown.

8 (4) The amount of any revenue for the National
9 Park Service that was lost on that day as the result
10 of the closure of National Park Service lands and
11 historic sites.

12 (5) An estimate of revenue lost on that day be-
13 cause of the effects of the Government shutdown on
14 tourism and travel to and within the United States,
15 including travel by foreign tourists.

16 **SEC. 4. DETERMINATION OF GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN.**

17 For purposes of this Act, a Government shutdown
18 shall be considered to be in effect if there is a lapse in
19 appropriations for any Federal agency or department as
20 a result of a failure to enact a regular appropriations bill
21 or continuing resolution.

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