

112TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 204

To provide for a 5 percent reduction in the rates of basic pay for Members of Congress.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 6, 2011

Ms. GIFFORDS (for herself, Mr. KISSELL, Mr. CRITZ, Ms. SPEIER, Mr. LOEBSACK, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. BOSWELL, Mr. PAUL, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. ALTMIRE, Ms. TSONGAS, Mr. CARNAHAN, Mr. OWENS, Mr. DONNELLY of Indiana, Ms. HANABUSA, Mr. COSTA, Mr. BARROW, Mr. SCHRADER, and Mr. SHULER) 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 “Congressional Pay Cut
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REDUCTION IN RATES OF BASIC PAY FOR MEMBERS**
2 **OF CONGRESS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Effective with respect to pay peri-
4 ods beginning after the date of the regularly scheduled
5 general election for Federal office held in November 2012,
6 the rate of basic pay for each Member of Congress shall
7 be reduced by 5 percent, rounded to the nearest multiple
8 of \$100 (or, if midway between multiples of \$100, to the
9 next higher multiple of \$100).

10 (b) PREEMPTION.—The adjustment under subsection
11 (a) shall be in lieu of any adjustment which (but for this
12 Act) might otherwise take effect, in the rates of basic pay
13 for Members of Congress, with respect to the pay periods
14 referred to in subsection (a).

15 (c) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this Act, the term
16 “Member of Congress” means an individual serving in a
17 position under subparagraph (A), (B), or (C) of section
18 601(a) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 (2
19 U.S.C. 31).

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