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H. R. 3136

To provide for rates of pay for Members of Congress to be adjusted as a function of changes in Government spending.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FORBES 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 Ac-
5 countability Pay Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. CHANGE IN METHOD FOR ADJUSTING PAY.**

7 Section 601(a) of the Legislative Reorganization Act
8 of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 31) is amended to read as follows:

1 “SEC. 601. (a)(1) This subsection applies with re-
2 spect to—

3 “(A) each Senator, Member of the House of
4 Representatives, and Delegate to the House of Rep-
5 resentatives, and the Resident Commissioner from
6 Puerto Rico,

7 “(B) the President pro tempore of the Senate,
8 the majority leader and the minority leader of the
9 Senate, and the majority leader and the minority
10 leader of the House of Representatives, and

11 “(C) the Speaker of the House of Representa-
12 tives.

13 “(2) Whenever outlays for any fiscal year are greater
14 than outlays for the preceding fiscal year, then, effective
15 as of the first day of the first applicable pay period begin-
16 ning on or after January 1 of the calendar year next be-
17 ginning after the close of the second of those 2 fiscal
18 years, the rate of pay for each position under paragraph
19 (1) shall be decreased by the percentage (rounded to the
20 nearest $\frac{1}{10}$ of 1 percent) equal to the percentage by which
21 outlays for the second of those 2 fiscal years are greater
22 than outlays for the first of those 2 fiscal years, but in
23 no event below \$1.

24 “(3) The Congressional Budget Office shall prescribe
25 any regulations necessary to carry out this subsection, in-

1 cluding regulations governing the determination of total
2 outlays for a fiscal year.

3 “(4) For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘out-
4 lays’ means budget outlays, as defined by section 3 of the
5 Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of
6 1974 (2 U.S.C. 622).

7 “(5) This subsection shall apply for purposes of de-
8 termining rates of pay for pay periods beginning on or
9 after January 1, 2013.”.

10 **SEC. 3. COORDINATION RULE.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 225(1)(3) of the Federal
12 Salary Act of 1967 (2 U.S.C. 362(3)) is amended by add-
13 ing at the end the following:

14 “(C) Notwithstanding any other provision of this sub-
15 section, in the case of a position referred to in section
16 601(a) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 (2
17 U.S.C. 31), no recommendation referred to in this sub-
18 section (in the matter before paragraph (1)) may be made
19 which, if enacted, would cause the rate of pay for any such
20 position to differ from the rate of pay which would, as
21 of any given time, then be payable with respect to such
22 position under such section 601(a).”.

23 (b) EXCLUSION OF JUDGES.—Such section 225(1)(3)
24 is further amended—

1 (1) in subparagraph (A)(i), by striking all that
2 follows “recommended for” and inserting “the
3 Speaker of the House of Representatives and the
4 Vice President of the United States, respectively,
5 shall be equal.”; and

6 (2) in subparagraph (A)(iii), by striking all that
7 follows “a Delegate to the House of Representa-
8 tives,” and that precedes “and each office or posi-
9 tion under section 5313 of title 5”.

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