

114TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4486

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 4, 2016

Mr. WENSTRUP (for himself, Mr. BRIDENSTINE, Mr. JORDAN, Mr. MASSIE, and Mr. FLORES) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Do Your Job Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. HOLDING SALARIES OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS IN**
2 **ESCROW UPON FAILURE TO VOTE ON REG-**
3 **ULAR APPROPRIATION BILLS.**

4 (a) HOLDING SALARIES IN ESCROW.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—If by October 1 of any cal-
6 endar year (beginning with 2016), a House of Con-
7 gress has not considered (in a manner meeting the
8 conditions set forth in paragraph (2), in the case of
9 the House of Representatives) and held a vote on
10 final passage of each of the regular appropriation
11 bills for the fiscal year which begins on that date,
12 during the period described in subsection (b) the
13 payroll administrator of that House of Congress
14 shall deposit in an escrow account all payments oth-
15 erwise required to be made during such period for
16 the compensation of Members of Congress who serve
17 in that House of Congress, and shall release such
18 payments to such Members only upon the expiration
19 of such period.

20 (2) CONDITIONS FOR CONSIDERATION OF
21 BILLS.—The House of Representatives meets the
22 conditions set forth in this paragraph for the consid-
23 eration of a regular appropriation bill if Members
24 are permitted to offer amendments to the bill in ei-
25 ther the House or in the Committee of the Whole
26 House on the State of the Union.

1 (b) PERIOD DESCRIBED.—With respect to a House
2 of Congress and a calendar year, the period described in
3 this paragraph is the period which begins on October 1
4 of the calendar year and ends on the earlier of—

5 (1) the first day by which the House of Con-
6 gress has held a vote on final passage of each of the
7 regular appropriation bills for the fiscal year which
8 begins on that date; or

9 (2) the last day of the Congress during which
10 that calendar year occurs.

11 **SEC. 3. ADMINISTRATION OF ESCROW.**

12 (a) WITHHOLDING AND REMITTANCE OF AMOUNTS
13 FROM PAYMENTS HELD IN ESCROW.—The payroll admin-
14 istrator of a House of Congress shall provide for the same
15 withholding and remittance with respect to a payment de-
16 posited in an escrow account under section 2 that would
17 apply to the payment if the payment were not subject to
18 such section.

19 (b) ROLE OF SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.—The
20 Secretary of the Treasury shall provide the payroll admin-
21 istrators of the Houses of Congress with such assistance
22 as may be necessary to enable the payroll administrators
23 to carry out this Act.

1 **SEC. 4. RELEASE OF AMOUNTS AT END OF A CONGRESS.**

2 In order to ensure that this Act is carried out in a
3 manner consistent with the twenty-seventh article of
4 amendment to the Constitution of the United States, the
5 payroll administrator of a House of Congress shall release
6 for payments to Members of that House of Congress any
7 amounts remaining in any escrow account under this Act
8 on the last day of the Congress during which the amounts
9 were deposited in such account.

10 **SEC. 5. DEFINITIONS.**

11 In this Act—

12 (1) the term “Member” includes a Delegate or
13 Resident Commissioner to the Congress;

14 (2) the “payroll administrator” of a House of
15 Congress means—

16 (A) in the case of the House of Represent-
17 atives, the Chief Administrative Officer of the
18 House of Representatives, or an employee of
19 the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer
20 who is designated by the Chief Administrative
21 Officer to carry out this Act; and

22 (B) in the case of the Senate, the Sec-
23 retary of the Senate, or an employee of the Of-
24 fice of the Secretary of the Senate who is des-
25 ignated by the Secretary to carry out this Act;
26 and

1 (3) the term “regular appropriation bill” means
2 any annual appropriation bill which, with respect to
3 the Congress involved, is under the jurisdiction of a
4 single subcommittee of the Committee on Appropria-
5 tions of the House of Representatives (pursuant to
6 the Rules of the House of Representatives for that
7 Congress) and a single subcommittee of the Com-
8 mittee on Appropriations of the Senate (pursuant to
9 the Standing Rules of the Senate).

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