

113TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 325

To ensure the complete and timely payment of the obligations of the United States Government until May 19, 2013, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 21, 2013

Mr. CAMP (for himself and Mrs. MILLER of Michigan) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, 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. TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF DEBT CEILING.**

4 (a) SUSPENSION.—Section 3101(b) of title 31,
5 United States Code, shall not apply for the period begin-
6 ning on the date of the enactment of this Act and ending
7 on May 18, 2013.

1 (b) SPECIAL RULE RELATING TO OBLIGATIONS
2 ISSUED DURING SUSPENSION PERIOD.—Effective May
3 19, 2013, the limitation in section 3101(b) of title 31,
4 United States Code, as increased by section 3101A of such
5 title, is increased to the extent that—

6 (1) the face amount of obligations issued under
7 chapter 31 of such title and the face amount of obli-
8 gations whose principal and interest are guaranteed
9 by the United States Government (except guaran-
10 teed obligations held by the Secretary of the Treas-
11 ury) outstanding on May 19, 2013, exceeds

12 (2) the face amount of such obligations out-
13 standing on the date of the enactment of this Act.
14 An obligation shall not be taken into account under para-
15 graph (1) unless the issuance of such obligation was nec-
16 essary to fund a commitment incurred by the Federal Gov-
17 ernment that required payment before May 19, 2013.

18 **SEC. 2. HOLDING SALARIES OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS IN**
19 **ESCROW UPON FAILURE TO AGREE TO BUDG-**
20 **ET RESOLUTION.**

21 (a) HOLDING SALARIES IN ESCROW.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—If by April 15, 2013, a
23 House of Congress has not agreed to a concurrent
24 resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2014 pursu-
25 ant to section 301 of the Congressional Budget Act

1 of 1974, during the period described in paragraph
2 (2) the payroll administrator of that House of Con-
3 gress shall deposit in an escrow account all pay-
4 ments otherwise required to be made during such
5 period for the compensation of Members of Congress
6 who serve in that House of Congress, and shall re-
7 lease such payments to such Members only upon the
8 expiration of such period.

9 (2) PERIOD DESCRIBED.—With respect to a
10 House of Congress, the period described in this
11 paragraph is the period which begins on April 16,
12 2013, and ends on the earlier of—

13 (A) the day on which the House of Con-
14 gress agrees to a concurrent resolution on the
15 budget for fiscal year 2014 pursuant to section
16 301 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974;
17 or

18 (B) the last day of the One Hundred Thir-
19 teenth Congress.

20 (3) WITHHOLDING AND REMITTANCE OF
21 AMOUNTS FROM PAYMENTS HELD IN ESCROW.—The
22 payroll administrator shall provide for the same
23 withholding and remittance with respect to a pay-
24 ment deposited in an escrow account under para-

1 graph (1) that would apply to the payment if the
2 payment were not subject to paragraph (1).

3 (4) RELEASE OF AMOUNTS AT END OF THE
4 CONGRESS.—In order to ensure that this section is
5 carried out in a manner that shall not vary the com-
6 pensation of Senators or Representatives in violation
7 of the twenty-seventh article of amendment to the
8 Constitution of the United States, the payroll ad-
9 ministrator of a House of Congress shall release for
10 payments to Members of that House of Congress
11 any amounts remaining in any escrow account under
12 this section on the last day of the One Hundred
13 Thirteenth Congress.

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

19 (b) TREATMENT OF DELEGATES AS MEMBERS.—In
20 this section, the term “Member” includes a Delegate or
21 Resident Commissioner to the Congress.

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

1 (1) in the case of the House of Representatives,
2 the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of
3 Representatives, or an employee of the Office of the
4 Chief Administrative Officer who is designated by
5 the Chief Administrative Officer to carry out this
6 section; and

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

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