

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 352

To reduce the pay of Members of the House of Representatives if a Speaker is not elected on the first day of a Congress.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 12, 2023

Mr. VASQUEZ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability, 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 “Mandating Congress
5 Can’t Accept Remuneration for Time not Helping You
6 Act” or the “McCARTHY Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REDUCTION OF PAY OF MEMBERS OF HOUSE IF**
2 **SPEAKER IS NOT ELECTED.**

3 (a) REDUCTION OF PAY.—If, by the end of the first
4 day of a Congress, the House of Representatives has not
5 elected a Speaker, the annual rate of pay applicable under
6 section 601(a) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of
7 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4501) with respect to each Member of the
8 House of Representatives for the year shall be reduced by
9 an amount equal to the product of—

10 (1) an amount equal to one day’s worth of pay
11 under such annual rate; and

12 (2) the number of 24-hour periods during which
13 no Speaker has been elected for the Congress.

14 (b) MEMBER DEFINED.—In this section, the term
15 “Member of the House of Representatives” means an indi-
16 vidual serving in a position in the House of Representa-
17 tives which is covered under subparagraph (A), (B), or
18 (C) of section 601(a)(1) of the Legislative Reorganization
19 Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4501(1)).

20 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall apply with
21 respect to the One Hundred Nineteenth Congress and
22 each succeeding Congress.

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