

111<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 4761

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 4, 2010

Mr. ARCURI (for himself, Mr. MAFFEI, Mr. ELLSWORTH, and Mr. DONNELLY of Indiana) 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

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## A BILL

To reduce the pay of Members of Congress and eliminate automatic adjustments to such pay, to establish a limit on the aggregate amount which may be appropriated for the Members' Representational Allowances of Members of the House of Representatives, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Congressional Belt-  
3 Tightening Act of 2010”.

4 **SEC. 2. REDUCTION OF PAY OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS**  
5 **AND ELIMINATION OF AUTOMATIC PAY AD-**  
6 **JUSTMENTS.**

7 (a) **REDUCTION OF PAY.**—Section 601(a)(1) of the  
8 Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 31(1))  
9 is amended by inserting “95 percent of” before “the rate  
10 determined for such positions”.

11 (b) **ELIMINATION OF AUTOMATIC PAY ADJUST-**  
12 **MENTS.**—Paragraph (2) of section 601(a) of such Act is  
13 repealed.

14 (c) **CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**—Section 601(a)(1)  
15 of such Act is amended—

16 (1) by striking “(a)(1)” and inserting “(a)”;

17 (2) by redesignating subparagraphs (A), (B),  
18 and (C) as paragraphs (1), (2), and (3), respectively;  
19 and

20 (3) by striking “, as adjusted by paragraph (2)  
21 of this subsection”.

22 (d) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—This section and the amend-  
23 ments made by this section shall take effect on December  
24 31, 2010.

1 **SEC. 3. LIMITATION ON AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF MEM-**  
2 **BERS' REPRESENTATIONAL ALLOWANCES.**

3 (a) LIMITATION.—Section 101 of the House of Rep-  
4 resentatives Administrative Reform Technical Corrections  
5 Act (2 U.S.C. 57b ) is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating subsections (b) through (e)  
7 as subsections (c) through (f); and

8 (2) by inserting after subsection (a) the fol-  
9 lowing new subsection:

10 “(b) LIMITATION ON AMOUNT.—The aggregate  
11 amount of all Members' Representational Allowances es-  
12 tablished for fiscal year 2011 and fiscal year 2012 may  
13 not exceed an amount equal to 95% of the aggregate  
14 amount of all Members' Representational Allowances es-  
15 tablished for fiscal year 2010.”.

16 (b) REPEAL OF AUTHORITY OF COMMITTEE ON  
17 HOUSE ADMINISTRATION TO INCREASE AGGREGATE  
18 AMOUNT.—Section 1(a) of House Resolution 457, Ninety-  
19 second Congress, agreed to July 21, 1971, as enacted into  
20 permanent law by chapter IV of the Supplemental Appro-  
21 priations Act, 1972 (2 U.S.C. 57(a)) is amended by strik-  
22 ing “Subject to” and inserting “Subject to section 101(b)  
23 of the House of Representatives Administrative Reform  
24 Technical Corrections Act and”.

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