

113TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 55

To prohibit Members of Congress and the President from receiving pay during Government shutdowns.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 22 (legislative day, JANUARY 3), 2013

Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mr. CASEY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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## A BILL

To prohibit Members of Congress and the President from receiving pay during Government shutdowns.

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. PROHIBITION ON PAY DURING GOVERNMENT**  
4 **SHUTDOWN.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Members of Congress and the  
6 President shall not receive basic pay for any period in  
7 which—

8 (1) there is more than a 24-hour lapse in ap-  
9 propriations for any Federal agency or department

1 as a result of a failure to enact a regular appropria-  
2 tions bill or continuing resolution; or

3 (2) the Federal Government is unable to make  
4 payments or meet obligations because the public  
5 debt limit under section 3101 of title 31, United  
6 States Code, has been reached.

7 (b) RETROACTIVE PAY PROHIBITED.—No pay for-  
8 feited in accordance with subsection (a) may be paid retro-  
9 actively.

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