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H. R. 2588

To nullify the 25 percent pay increase afforded to Members of Congress by the Ethics Reform Act of 1989, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DEFAZIO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, and in addition to the Committees on House Oversight, Rules, and Ways and Means, 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. NULLIFICATION OF PAY INCREASE.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Effective as of the date specified
5 in subsection (c)(1), the rate of basic pay for each position
6 under subparagraph (A), (B), or (C) of section 601(a)(1)
7 of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C.

1 31(1)) shall be equal to the rate which would then be pay-
2 able for such position if—

3 (1) section 703 of the Ethics Reform Act of
4 1989 (5 U.S.C. 5318 note), and

5 (2) section 6(a) of the Legislative Branch Ap-
6 propriations Act, 1992 (5 U.S.C. 5318 note), to the
7 extent that it relates to subsection (a)(2)(B) of such
8 section 703,

9 had never been enacted.

10 (b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
11 tion shall be considered to constitute a repeal of any provi-
12 sion of law for purposes of section 603 or 804(f) of the
13 Ethics Reform Act of 1989.

14 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE; COORDINATION RULE.—

15 (1) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subsection (a) shall
16 take effect on the first day of the first Congress be-
17 ginning after the next election of Representatives
18 (within the meaning of the 27th article of amend-
19 ment to the Constitution of the United States) oc-
20 ccurring after the date of the enactment of this Act.

21 (2) COORDINATION RULE.—If a pay adjustment
22 under subsection (a) is to be made for a position on
23 the same date as any other pay adjustment affecting
24 such position, the adjustment under subsection (a)
25 shall be made first.

1 **SEC. 2. CONDITION PRECEDENT FOR PAY TO BE RE-**
2 **STORED.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Effective as of the date specified
4 in subsection (c), if a balanced budget is achieved by the
5 Government with respect to any fiscal year ending after
6 the effective date specified in section 1(c)(1), rates of pay
7 shall be determined as if section 1 had never been enacted.

8 (b) BALANCED BUDGET.—For the purpose of this
9 section, a balanced budget shall be considered to have been
10 achieved by the Government with respect to a fiscal year
11 if total revenues of the Government for such fiscal year
12 are at least equal to total expenditures of the Government
13 for such fiscal year, as jointly certified by the Congres-
14 sional Budget Office and the Office of Management and
15 Budget.

16 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subsection (a) shall take ef-
17 fect as of the first day of the first calendar year beginning
18 after the end of the first fiscal year (ending after the effec-
19 tive date specified in section 1(c)(1)) with respect to which
20 a balanced budget is achieved by the Government.

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