

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5891
OFFERED BY MR. STEIL OF WISCONSIN

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Withhold Member Pay
3 During Shutdowns Act”.

**4 SEC. 2. NO PAY FOR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS DURING GOV-
5 ERNMENT SHUTDOWNS.**

6 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

7 (1) the term “Government shutdown” means a
8 lapse in appropriations for 1 or more Federal agen-
9 cies or departments;

10 (2) the term “Member of Congress” means an
11 individual serving in a position under subparagraph
12 (A), (B), or (C) of section 601(a)(1) of the Legisla-
13 tive Reorganization Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4501(1));
14 and

15 (3) the term “payroll administrator”, with re-
16 spect to a House of Congress, means—

17 (A) in the case of the Senate, the Sec-
18 retary of the Senate, or an employee of the Of-
19 fice of the Secretary of the Senate who is des-

1 ignated by the Secretary to carry out the re-
2 quirements of this section; and

3 (B) in the case of the House of Represent-
4 atives, the Chief Administrative Officer of the
5 House of Representatives, or an employee of
6 the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer
7 who is designated by the Chief Administrative
8 Officer to carry out the requirements of this
9 section.

10 (b) WITHHOLDING PAY OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS
11 IF GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN OCCURS.—

12 (1) WITHHOLDING PAYMENTS.—Notwith-
13 standing the first section of the joint resolution re-
14 lating to the payment of salaries of employees of the
15 Senate (Public Law 86-426; 2 U.S.C. 4591) in the
16 case of a Senator and section 39 of the Revised
17 Statutes of the United States (2 U.S.C. 5302) in the
18 case of a Representative (including a Delegate or
19 Resident Commissioner to the Congress), during any
20 period in which a Government shutdown is in effect,
21 the payroll administrator of each House of Congress
22 shall disburse and hold any payments otherwise re-
23 quired to be made with respect to such period for
24 the net compensation of each Member of Congress.

1 (2) RELEASE OF PAYMENTS.—The payroll ad-
2 ministrator of each House of Congress shall release
3 to each Member of Congress any payments held
4 under paragraph (1) with respect to a Government
5 shutdown as soon as practicable after the date on
6 which the Government shutdown ends.

7 (3) SPECIAL RULE FOR ONE HUNDRED NINE-
8 TEENTH CONGRESS.—In order to ensure that this
9 subsection is carried out in a manner that shall not
10 vary the compensation of Senators or Representa-
11 tives in violation of the 27th Amendment to the Con-
12 stitution of the United States, the payroll adminis-
13 trator of each House of Congress shall release for
14 payments to Members of that House of Congress
15 any amounts held under paragraph (1) as soon as
16 practicable at the end of the duration of the One
17 Hundred Nineteenth Congress.

18 (4) APPLICABILITY.—This subsection shall
19 apply with respect to any days on and after the date
20 of the enactment of this Act.

21 (c) ROLE OF SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.—The
22 Secretary of the Treasury shall provide the payroll admin-
23 istrators of the Houses of Congress with such assistance

- 1 as may be necessary to enable the payroll administrators
- 2 to carry out this section.

