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# H. R. 355

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mr. JACOBS, and Mr. CANADY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight and, in addition, to the Committee on House Oversight 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 MASS MAILINGS NOT MAILABLE AS FRANKED

4 MAIL

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (6)(A) of section  
6 3210(a) of title 39, United States Code, is amended to  
7 read as follows:

1       “(6)(A) It is the intent of Congress that a Member  
2 of, or Member-elect to, Congress may not mail any mass  
3 mailing as franked mail.”.

4       (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

5           (1) TITLE 39, UNITED STATES CODE.—Section  
6 3210 of title 39, United States Code, is amended—

7               (A) in subsection (a)(3)—

8                   (i) in subparagraph (G) by striking “,  
9 including general mass mailings,”; and

10                   (ii) in subparagraphs (I) and (J) by  
11 striking “or other general mass mailing”  
12 and inserting “or other mailing”;

13               (B) in subsection (a)(6) by repealing sub-  
14 paragraphs (B), (C), and (F), and the second  
15 sentence of subparagraph (D);

16               (C) by repealing paragraph (7) of sub-  
17 section (a); and

18               (D) by repealing subsection (f).

19           (2) LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS  
20 ACT, 1990.—Section 316 of the Legislative Branch  
21 Appropriations Act, 1990 (39 U.S.C. 3210 note) is  
22 repealed.

23           (3) LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS  
24 ACT, 1991.—Subsection (f) of section 311 of the Leg-

1 legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1991 (Public  
2 Law 101-520; 104 Stat. 2280) is repealed.

3 (4) LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS  
4 ACT, 1995.—Sections 5 and 6 of the Legislative  
5 Branch Appropriations Act, 1995 (Public Law 103-  
6 283; 108 Stat. 1427) are repealed.

7 **SEC. 2. RETURN OF EXCESS AMOUNTS FROM OFFICIAL AL-**  
8 **LOWANCES OF MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF**  
9 **REPRESENTATIVES TO THE TREASURY FOR**  
10 **DEFICIT REDUCTION.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other law, or  
12 any rule or other authority, any amount remaining in an  
13 official allowance of a Member of the House of Represent-  
14 atives at the end of the session of Congress or other period  
15 for which the allowance is made available shall be returned  
16 to the Treasury, to be used for deficit reduction.

17 (b) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section—

18 (1) the term “Member of the House of Rep-  
19 resentatives” means a Representative in, or a Dele-  
20 gate or Resident Commissioner to, the Congress;  
21 and

22 (2) the term “official allowance” means, with  
23 respect to a Member of the House of Representa-  
24 tives, the Official Mail Allowance.

1 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2 This Act and the amendments made by this Act shall  
3 take effect at the beginning of, and shall apply with re-  
4 spect to sessions of Congress beginning with, the first reg-  
5 ular session of Congress beginning after the date of the  
6 enactment of this Act.

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