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# H. R. 2555

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 18, 2001

Ms. LEE (for herself and Mr. HOYER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on 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

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. INCLUSION OF LEGISLATIVE BRANCH EMPLOY-**  
2 **EES IN STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT PRO-**  
3 **GRAM.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5379 of title 5, United  
5 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
6 lowing new subsection:

7 “(i) This section shall apply with respect to any office  
8 in the legislative branch which is not an agency under sub-  
9 section (a)(1)(A), and the employees of such an office, in  
10 the same manner as it applies to an agency and the em-  
11 ployees of an agency, except as follows:

12 “(1) For purposes of this subsection, a Senator  
13 or Member of the House of Representatives (includ-  
14 ing a Delegate or Resident Commissioner to the  
15 Congress) shall not be considered to be an employee  
16 of any office in the legislative branch.

17 “(2) Subsection (a)(2) (relating to the exclusion  
18 of any employee who occupies a position that is ex-  
19 cepted from the competitive service because of its  
20 confidential, policy-determining, policy-making, or  
21 policy-advocating character) shall not apply.

22 “(3) Subsection (c)(1)(A) (relating to the min-  
23 imum period of service the employee is required to  
24 remain in the service of the agency) shall apply as  
25 if the reference to ‘3 years’ were a reference to ‘1  
26 year’.

1           “(4) Notwithstanding any other provision of  
2           law, any amounts paid under this section on behalf  
3           of the employee shall be paid out of one of the fol-  
4           lowing accounts:

5                   “(A) In the case of an employee of the  
6           House of Representatives, an account of the  
7           House of Representatives established by the  
8           Chief Administrative Officer of the House of  
9           Representatives for purposes of making pay-  
10          ments pursuant to this subsection on behalf of  
11          such employees, which shall be segregated from  
12          the Member’s Representational Allowance or  
13          other applicable account of the employee’s em-  
14          ploying authority.

15                   “(B) In the case of an employee of the  
16          Senate, an account of the Senate established by  
17          the Secretary of the Senate for purposes of  
18          making payments pursuant to this subsection  
19          on behalf of such employees, which shall be seg-  
20          regated from any other applicable account of  
21          the employee’s employing authority.

22                   “(C) In the case of any other employee  
23          covered by this subsection, an account estab-  
24          lished in the Treasury of the United States  
25          jointly by the Chief Administrative Officer of

1           the House of Representatives and the Secretary  
2           of the Senate for purposes of making payments  
3           pursuant to this subsection on behalf of such  
4           employees, which shall be segregated from any  
5           other applicable account of the employee's em-  
6           ploying authority.”.

7           (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
8           subsection (a) shall take effect October 1, 2001.

9   **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

10          There are authorized to be appropriated to each of  
11          the accounts described in section 5379(i)(4) of title 5,  
12          United States Code (as added by section 1(a)) such sums  
13          as may be necessary for making payments from such ac-  
14          count during fiscal year 2002 and each succeeding fiscal  
15          year.

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