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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Budd introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on  

A BILL

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1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

2. SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

3. This Act may be cited as the “No Pay for Proxy Voting Act”.
SEC. 2. WITHHOLDING PAY OF MEMBERS WHO VOTE BY PROXY.

(a) WITHHOLDING.—If on any day during a Congress a Member of the House of Representatives uses a designated proxy to cast a vote in the House or record the Member’s presence in the House in response to a quorum call, the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives shall—

(1) withhold from the payments otherwise required to be made with respect to a pay period for the compensation of the Member an amount equal to the product of—

(A) an amount equal to one day’s worth of pay under the annual rate of pay applicable to the Member under section 601(a) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4501); and

(B) the number of days during the pay period on which the Member uses a designated proxy to cast a vote in the House or record the Member’s presence in the House in response to a quorum call; and

(2) deposit in an escrow account all amounts withheld under paragraph (1).

(b) RELEASE OF AMOUNTS AT END OF THE CONGRESS.—In order to ensure that this section is carried out
in a manner that shall not vary the compensation of Representatives in violation of the twenty-seventh article of amendment to the Constitution of the United States, the Chief Administrative Officer shall release for payments to Members any amounts remaining in any escrow account under this section on the last day of the Congress during which the amounts were deposited in the account.

(c) ROLE OF SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.—The Secretary of the Treasury shall provide the Chief Administrative Officer with such assistance as may be necessary to enable the Chief Administrative Officer to carry out this section.