



Legislative Bulletin.....February 14, 2013

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Order of Business: The legislation is scheduled to be considered under a closed rule, H.Res. 66. The rule waives all points of order against the bill and provides for one hour of debate divided between the Chair and the Ranking Minority member of the Oversight and Government Reform Committee. The rule also provides for one motion to recommit.

Section 2 of the rule allows the Speaker, during any recess or adjournment of not more than three days, after consultation with the Minority Leader, to reconvene the House. Section 3 of the rule grants the Speaker the ability to suspend the rules at any time through February 15, 2013, in order to entertain a measure condemning the government of North Korea and its February 12, 2013 test of a nuclear device. Additionally, Section 4 of the rule allows for the Journal to be considered as approved on any legislative day between February 16, 2013, and February 22, 2013. Also, during this same time period, the chair may declare the House adjourned, and the Speaker may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair. The text of the rule can be [viewed here](#).

Summary: The legislation postpones the automatic pay adjustment for federal employees, including pay for Members of Congress, until December 31, 2013.

Additional Information: This legislation would overturn the recent executive order from President Obama giving federal workers a 0.5 percent pay raise. This executive order was issued on December 27, 2012, and is set to take effect on the first pay period beginning after March 27, 2013. The executive order can be [viewed here](#).

This legislation is very similar to H.R. 6726 from the 112th Congress. The House of Representatives passed H.R. 6726 on January 1, 2013, by a [roll call vote of 287-129](#).

Outside Group Support: The below groups are key voting passage of H.R. 273.

- FreedomWorks – [vote alert linked here](#)

Committee Action: H.R. 273 was introduced on January 15, 2013, and was referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, which took no action.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy is available.

Cost to Taxpayers: A preliminary CBO estimate of H.R. 273 shows a decrease in budget authority by \$11.9 billion over the ten year period. CBO's preliminary estimate can be [viewed here](#).

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: No.

Constitutional Authority: Rep. DeSantis stated: "Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article I, Sec. 8. To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof." The statement can be [viewed here](#).

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