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119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. _____

To prohibit a Member of Congress from serving as chair or ranking minority member of a committee of the House of Representatives or the Senate after 12 years of service in the House or the Senate, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. ROY 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 Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Statutory Term Limits
5 on Congressional Pay and Power Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. RESTRICTIONS ON MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AFTER**
2 **CERTAIN PERIOD OF SERVICE.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—A Member of Congress (including
4 a Delegate or Resident Commissioner to the Congress)
5 who has served 12 or more cumulative years in the House
6 of Representatives or in the Senate, as the case may be,
7 may not, on and after the date that the Member reaches
8 12 years of service in the Member’s respective House of
9 Congress, be eligible for any covered benefit described in
10 subsection (b).

11 (b) COVERED BENEFIT DESCRIBED.—A covered ben-
12 efit described in this subsection is any of the following:

13 (1) Any payment otherwise required to be made
14 with respect to a pay period for the compensation of
15 the Member of Congress under section 601(a) of the
16 Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C.
17 4501).

18 (2) Serving as the chair or ranking minority
19 member of any standing or select committee in the
20 House of Representatives or the Senate or in a
21 House or Senate leadership position.

22 (c) HOUSE OR SENATE LEADERSHIP POSITION DE-
23 FINED.—In this section, the term “House or Senate lead-
24 ership position” means any of the following:

25 (1) The head of any office of the House of Rep-
26 resentatives for which the appropriation for salaries

1 and expenses of the office for a fiscal year is pro-
2 vided under the heading “House Leadership Offices”
3 in the act making appropriations for the Legislative
4 Branch for the fiscal year involved.

5 (2) The President pro Tempore, Majority or
6 Minority Leader, Majority or Minority Whip, chair
7 of the Majority or Minority Conference Committee,
8 or chair of the Majority or Minority Policy Com-
9 mittee of the Senate.

10 (d) RULES OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND
11 SENATE.—This section is enacted by Congress—

12 (1) as an exercise of the rulemaking power of
13 the Senate and House of Representatives, respec-
14 tively, and as such are deemed a part of the rules
15 of each House, respectively, but applicable only with
16 respect to the procedure to be followed in that
17 House in the case of a joint resolution, and they su-
18 persede other rules only to the extent that they are
19 inconsistent with such rules; and

20 (2) with full recognition of the constitutional
21 right of either House to change the rules (so far as
22 relating to the procedure of that House) at any time,
23 in the same manner, and to the same extent as in
24 the case of any other rule of that House.

1 (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The prohibition under this
2 section shall apply with respect to the One Hundred Twen-
3 ty-First Congress and each succeeding Congress.