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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. BLUNT introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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 "Advice and Consent5 Restoration Act".

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1SEC. 2. NO SALARIES FOR UNCONSTITUTIONAL NLRB AP-2POINTMENTS.

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi4 sion of law, an individual shall not receive any salary or
5 payment for services performed as a member of the Na6 tional Labor Relations Board unless the individual has
7 been appointed—

8 (1) by and with the advice and consent of the
9 Senate, in accordance with clause 2 of section 2 of
10 article II of the United States Constitution; or

(2) appointed appropriately in accordance with
clause 3 of section 2 of article II of the United
States Constitution.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall take effect
on the first day of the first applicable pay period beginning
on or after the date of enactment of this Act.

17 SEC. 3. PROHIBITING NLRB ACTIONS OR DECISIONS.

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-19 sion of law, an unconstitutional quorum of the National 20Labor Relations Board shall not convene or take any agen-21 cy action, as defined in section 551 of title 5, United 22 States Code, and including any determination, hearing, in-23 vestigation, direction of election, certification, order, rule, 24 regulation, or review of any determination, until the date 25 on which final judgment is entered in all cases challenging the constitutionality of the purported appointment of indi-26

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viduals to such Board that are pending before a Federal
 court on the date of enactment of this Act.

3 (b) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term "uncon-4 stitutional quorum" means a quorum of the National 5 Labor Relations Board that includes 1 or more individuals 6 who were purportedly appointed to the Board and who are 7 the subject of a cause of action relating to such purported 8 appointment that is pending before a Federal court on the 9 date of enactment of this Act.