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Making continuing appropriations for military pay in the event of a
Government shutdown.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia (for herself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. MACE, Mr. KEAN, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. NUNN of Iowa, Mrs. LUNA, Ms. PEREZ, Mr. MOYLAN, Mr. CISCOMANI, Mr. WITTMAN, Ms. BOEBERT, Mr. MILLS, Mr. HUIZENGA, Mr. EZELL, Mr. MESSMER, Mr. LOUDERMILK, Mr. BACON, Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. VAN ORDEN, Mr. TRAN, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. GRAVES, Mr. MCCORMICK, Mr. GIMENEZ, Mr. CRANK, Mr. BELL, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Mr. TURNER of Ohio, Mr. STRONG, Mr. BRESNAHAN, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. SCHMIDT, Mr. STAUBER, Mr. GOLDEN of Maine, Mr. BEAN of Florida, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mr. MCGUIRE, Mr. WEBSTER of Florida, Mr. HURD of Colorado, Mr. HAMADEH of Arizona, Ms. GOODLANDER, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida, Mr. LUTTRELL, Mrs. HARSHBARGER, Mr. FEENSTRA, Mr. FINSTAD, and Mr. SELF) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations

A BILL

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event of a Government shutdown.

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. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Pay Our Troops Act
3 of 2026”.

4 **SEC. 2. CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS FOR MEMBERS OF**
5 **THE ARMED FORCES.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—There are hereby appropriated for
7 fiscal year 2026, out of any money in the Treasury not
8 otherwise appropriated, for any period during which in-
9 terim or full-year appropriations for fiscal year 2026 are
10 not in effect—

11 (1) such sums as are necessary to provide pay
12 and allowances to members of the Armed Forces (as
13 defined in section 101(a)(4) of title 10, United
14 States Code), including reserve components thereof,
15 who perform active service during such period;

16 (2) such sums as are necessary to provide pay
17 and allowances to the civilian personnel of the De-
18 partment of Defense (and the Department of Home-
19 land Security in the case of the Coast Guard) whom
20 the Secretary concerned determines are providing
21 support to members of the Armed Forces described
22 in paragraph (1); and

23 (3) such sums as are necessary to provide pay
24 and allowances to contractors of the Department of
25 Defense (and the Department of Homeland Security
26 in the case of the Coast Guard) whom the Secretary

1 concerned determines are providing support to mem-
2 bers of the Armed Forces described in paragraph
3 (1).

4 (b) SECRETARY CONCERNED DEFINED.—In this sec-
5 tion, the term “Secretary concerned” means—

6 (1) the Secretary of Defense with respect to
7 matters concerning the Department of Defense; and

8 (2) the Secretary of Homeland Security with re-
9 spect to matters concerning the Coast Guard.

10 **SEC. 3. TERMINATION.**

11 Appropriations and funds made available and author-
12 ity granted pursuant to this Act shall be available until
13 whichever of the following first occurs:

14 (1) The enactment into law of an appropriation
15 (including a continuing appropriation) for any pur-
16 pose for which amounts are made available in sec-
17 tion 2.

18 (2) The enactment into law of the applicable
19 regular or continuing appropriations resolution or
20 other Act without any appropriation for such pur-
21 pose.

22 (3) January 1, 2027.

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