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H. R. 5787

To prohibit the use of Federal funds for construction or renovation on the White House grounds during a lapse in appropriations, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 17, 2025

Mr. TAKANO (for himself, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. CARSON, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. CRAIG, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, and Ms. NORTON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “White House Building
5 Activities Locked-out in Lapse Act” or the “BALL Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.**

7 During any period of a lapse in appropriations for
8 a fiscal year, no Federal funds may be used for construc-

1 tion or renovation in the White House, on White House
2 grounds, or within any structure on White House grounds,
3 unless such construction or renovation is directly related
4 to matters of health or safety.

