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H. R. 6044

To provide for continuing appropriations for the pay and allowances of members of the Armed Forces and certain essential employees of the Federal Aviation Administration in the event of a lapse in appropriations. and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 13, 2025

Mr. MAST introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committees on Armed Services, and Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Pay Our Patriots Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS FOR ESSENTIAL**
2 **ARMED FORCES AND FAA PERSONNEL.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—During a covered lapse in appro-
4 priations, there are appropriated, out of any money in the
5 Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sums as may
6 be necessary to provide covered pay and allowances to cov-
7 ered employees.

8 (b) RATE OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Appropriations
9 made under subsection (a) shall be available to provide
10 covered pay and allowances at the rate in effect imme-
11 diately before the beginning of the covered lapse in appro-
12 priations.

13 (c) DURATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Appropriations
14 and authority made available under this section shall con-
15 tinue until the earlier of—

16 (1) the date on which the applicable regular ap-
17 propriations Act or continuing resolution are enacted
18 into law; or

19 (2) the last day of the fiscal year in which the
20 covered lapse in appropriations begins.

21 **SEC. 3. ENSURING SEAMLESS PAYMENT.**

22 (a) OBLIGATION AND DISBURSEMENT.—The Sec-
23 retary of Defense, the Secretary of Homeland Security,
24 and the Secretary of Transportation shall, for their re-
25 spective covered employees, continue to incur obligations

1 and disburse payments for covered pay and allowances as
2 if appropriations had been enacted in a timely manner.

3 (b) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Funds appropriated
4 by this Act shall be immediately available and shall not
5 be subject to any reduction or sequestration.

6 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act—

8 (1) the term “covered employee” means—

9 (A) a member of the Armed Forces (as de-
10 fined in section 101 of title 10, United States
11 Code), including reserve components, who per-
12 forms active service during a covered lapse in
13 appropriations; and

14 (B) a civilian employee of the Federal
15 Aviation Administration who is determined by
16 the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Ad-
17 ministration to be performing duties during a
18 covered lapse in appropriations essential to the
19 safe operation of the national airspace system,
20 including air traffic controllers, safety inspec-
21 tors, and operational support technicians;

22 (2) the term “covered pay and allowances”
23 means the pay, allowances, and benefits, including
24 statutory bonuses and retired pay, to which a cov-
25 ered employee is entitled under law; and

1 (3) the term “covered lapse in appropriations”
2 means any period beginning on or after the date of
3 the enactment of this Act during which appropria-
4 tions are not available for any component of the
5 Armed Forces or the Federal Aviation Administra-
6 tion.

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