

Calendar No. 205

119TH CONGRESS
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S. 3031

Making continuing appropriations for essential Federal Aviation Administration and Transportation Security Administration pay and operations in the event of a Federal Government shutdown, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 22 (legislative day, OCTOBER 21), 2025

Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. LANKFORD, and Mr. SULLIVAN)
introduced the following bill; which was read the first time

OCTOBER 22, 2025

Read the second time and placed on the calendar

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 “Keep America Flying
5 Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS FOR AIR TRAFFIC**
2 **CONTROLLERS AND TRANSPORTATION SECU-**
3 **RITY PERSONNEL.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—There are hereby appropriated for
5 fiscal year 2026, out of any money in the Treasury not
6 otherwise appropriated, for the period beginning October
7 1, 2025, during which interim or full-year appropriations
8 for fiscal year 2026 are not in effect—

9 (1) such sums as are necessary to provide
10 standard rates of pay, allowances, pay differentials,
11 benefits, and other payments otherwise payable on a
12 regular basis to air traffic controllers and other es-
13 sential operational personnel of the Federal Aviation
14 Administration whose services are required for the
15 safe and orderly operation of the national airspace
16 system;

17 (2) such sums as are necessary to provide
18 standard rates of pay, allowances, pay differentials,
19 benefits, and other payments otherwise payable on a
20 regular basis to employees of the Transportation Se-
21 curity Administration engaged in screening oper-
22 ations, aviation security duties, or related mission-
23 support functions necessary to carry out security
24 screening under chapter 449 of title 49, United
25 States Code;

1 (3) such sums as are necessary to provide for
2 payments to contractors of the Federal Aviation Ad-
3 ministration whom the Secretary of Transportation
4 determines are providing support to the personnel
5 described in paragraph (1); and

6 (4) such sums as are necessary to provide for
7 payments to contractors of the Transportation Secu-
8 rity Administration whom the Administrator or Act-
9 ing Administrator of the Transportation Security
10 Administration determines are providing support to
11 the personnel described in paragraph (2).

12 (b) CHARGE TO FUTURE APPROPRIATIONS.—Ex-
13 penditures made pursuant to subsection (a) shall be
14 charged to the applicable appropriation, fund, or author-
15 ization whenever an Act in which such applicable appro-
16 priation, fund, or authorization is included is enacted into
17 law.

18 **SEC. 3. TERMINATION.**

19 Appropriations and funds made available and author-
20 ity granted pursuant to this Act shall be available until
21 whichever of the following first occurs:

22 (1) The enactment into law of an appropriation
23 (including a continuing appropriation) for any pur-
24 pose for which amounts are made available in sec-
25 tion 2.

1 (2) The enactment into law of the applicable
2 regular or continuing appropriations resolution or
3 other Act without any appropriation for such pur-
4 pose.

5 (3) September 30, 2026.

6 **SEC. 4. RETROACTIVE EFFECTIVE DATE.**

7 This Act shall take effect as if enacted on September
8 30, 2025.

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