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To appropriate funds for pay and allowances of Federal employees during
a lapse in appropriations, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 28, 2025

Mr. KENNEDY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred
to the Committee on Appropriations

A BILL

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employees during a lapse in appropriations, and for other
purposes.

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 the People Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. APPROPRIATIONS.**

6 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

7 (1) the term “agency” means each authority of
8 the executive, legislative, or judicial branch of the
9 Government of the United States; and

10 (2) the term “covered individual”—

1 (A) means an employee of an agency; and

2 (B) includes—

3 (i) a contractor who provides support
4 to an employee described in subparagraph
5 (A); and

6 (ii) a member of the Armed Forces on
7 active duty.

8 (b) APPROPRIATIONS.—For fiscal year 2026, and any
9 fiscal year thereafter, for any period during which interim
10 continuing appropriations or full-year appropriations for
11 that fiscal year are not in effect for an agency, there are
12 appropriated to the head of the agency, out of any money
13 in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sums as
14 are necessary to provide standard rates of pay, allowances,
15 pay differentials, benefits, and other payments otherwise
16 payable on a regular basis to covered individuals with re-
17 spect to the agency.

18 (c) TERMINATION.—Appropriations and funds made
19 available and authority granted under subsection (b) shall
20 be available to the head of an agency until whichever of
21 the following first occurs:

22 (1) The enactment into law of appropriations
23 for the agency until the end of the applicable fiscal
24 year (including a continuing appropriation) that pro-

1 vide amounts for the purposes for which amounts
2 are made available under subsection (b).

3 (2) The enactment into law of appropriations
4 for the agency until the end of the applicable fiscal
5 year (including a continuing appropriation) without
6 any appropriation for such purposes.

7 (d) INTERIM CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS.—Ap-
8 propriations made available under subsection (b) may not
9 be obligated by the head of an agency during any period
10 during which continuing appropriations for the purposes
11 for which amounts are made available under subsection
12 (b) are in effect for the agency.

13 (e) CHARGING TO FULL-YEAR APPROPRIATIONS.—
14 Obligations or expenditures made by the head of an agen-
15 cy pursuant to subsection (b) shall be charged to the appli-
16 cable appropriation for the agency whenever a regular ap-
17 propriation bill or a measure making continuing appro-
18 priations until the end of the applicable fiscal year for the
19 agency becomes law.

20 (f) RETROACTIVE EFFECTIVE DATE.—This Act shall
21 take effect as if enacted on September 30, 2025.

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