

112TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 3626

To provide level funding for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 8, 2011

Ms. PINGREE of Maine (for herself, Mr. MICHAUD, Mr. WELCH, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. CICILLINE, and Mr. MARKEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Education and the Workforce, 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

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## 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 “LIHEAP Protection  
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE APPRO-**  
7 **PRIATIONS.**

8 (a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section—

1           (1) is to ensure the appropriation for fiscal year  
2           2012 of the total amounts described in subsection  
3           (b), for payments described in that subsection, under  
4           this Act or prior appropriations Acts; and

5           (2) is not to require the appropriation of addi-  
6           tional amounts for those payments, under appropria-  
7           tions Acts enacted after this Act.

8           (b) APPROPRIATION.—In addition to any amounts  
9           appropriated under any provision of Federal law, as of the  
10          date of enactment of this Act, there is appropriated, out  
11          of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,  
12          for fiscal year 2012—

13           (1) an amount sufficient to yield a total amount  
14           of \$4,501,000,000, for making payments under sub-  
15           sections (b) and (d) of section 2602 of the Low-In-  
16           come Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981 (42  
17           U.S.C. 8621), and all of such total amount shall be  
18           used under the authority and conditions applicable  
19           to such payments under the Full-Year Continuing  
20           Appropriations Act, 2011; and

21           (2) an amount sufficient to yield a total amount  
22           of \$200,000,000, for making payments under sec-  
23           tion 2602(e) of the Low-Income Home Energy As-  
24           sistance Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C. 8621(e)), notwith-  
25           standing the designation requirement of such section

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2       under the authority and conditions applicable to  
3       such payments under the Full-Year Continuing Ap-  
4       propriations Act, 2011.

5   **SEC. 3. SENSE OF THE CONGRESS.**

6       It is the sense of the Congress that—

7           (1) this Act should be carried out in a manner  
8       consistent with the Budget Control Act of 2011  
9       (Public Law 112–25; 125 Stat. 240);

10          (2) the Secretary of Health and Human Serv-  
11       ices should continue and expedite program integrity  
12       efforts to identify best practices used by grant re-  
13       cipients under the Low-Income Home Energy Assist-  
14       ance Program, provide training and technical assist-  
15       ance to such grant recipients, recommend policy  
16       changes, and assess and mitigate risk at the Fed-  
17       eral, State and local levels, in order to eliminate any  
18       waste, fraud, and abuse in the Program and  
19       strengthen the Program so all Program funds reach  
20       the households who need them most; and

21          (3) every Program dollar going to waste, fraud,  
22       and abuse is a dollar not being spent as the dollar  
23       is needed or intended.

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