

113TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 3152

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 19, 2013

Mr. REED introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committees on Armed Services, House Administration, Ways and Means, Energy and Commerce, and Veterans' Affairs, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Pay Our Veterans and
3 Seniors First Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—A Member of Congress, the Presi-
6 dent, the Vice President, and the head of any Executive
7 department shall not receive basic pay for any period in
8 which there is more than a 24-hour lapse in appropriations
9 for any Executive agency as a result of a failure to enact
10 a regular appropriations bill or continuing resolution.

11 (b) RETROACTIVE PAY PROHIBITED.—No pay for-
12 feited in accordance with subsection (a) may be paid retro-
13 actively.

14 **SEC. 3. CONTINUATION OF PAYMENTS FOR CERTAIN PUR-
15 POSES.**

16 During any lapse in appropriations during fiscal year
17 2014 when interim or full-year appropriations for the af-
18 fected accounts have not been enacted, from amounts in
19 the general fund of the Treasury not otherwise appro-
20 priated, the Secretary of the Treasury shall transfer to
21 the appropriate Secretary such amounts as are necessary
22 to provide the following:

23 (1) Pay and allowances to members of the
24 Armed Forces, including reserve component mem-
25 bers, who perform active service.

26 (2) Benefits under—

1 (A) the TRICARE for Life program under
2 chapter 55 of title 10, United States Code;

3 (B) the Medicare program under title
4 XVIII of the Social Security Act; and

5 (C) title II of the Social Security Act.

6 (3) Benefits and programs under title 38,
7 United States Code.

8 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

9 For purposes of this Act—

10 (1) the term “Executive department” has the
11 meaning given such term by section 101 of title 5,
12 United States Code; and

13 (2) the term “Executive agency” has the mean-
14 ing given such term by section 105 of title 5, United
15 States Code.

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