

113TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3246

To amend the Pay Our Military Act to ensure that all civilian and contractor employees of the Department of Defense and the Coast Guard are paid in the event of a Government shutdown.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 4, 2013

Mr. TURNER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, 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 “Support Our Depart-
5 ment of Defense Civilian Employees Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS FOR EMPLOYEES**
2 **AND CONTRACTORS OF DEPARTMENT OF DE-**
3 **FENSE AND RESERVE COMPONENT PER-**
4 **SONNEL.**

5 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
6 gress that all civilian employees and contractors of the De-
7 partment of Defense and the Coast Guard serve to provide
8 support to members of the Armed Forces.

9 (b) AMENDMENTS TO PAY OUR MILITARY ACT.—
10 Subsection (a) of section 2 of the Pay Our Military Act
11 (HR 3210 of the 113th Congress) is amended—

12 (1) in paragraph (2)—

13 (A) by striking “the civilian personnel”
14 and inserting “all civilian personnel”; and

15 (B) by striking “whom the Secretary con-
16 cerned determines are providing support to
17 members of the Armed Forces described in
18 paragraph (1)”; and

19 (2) in paragraph (3)—

20 (A) by striking “pay and allowances to”
21 and inserting “compensation to all employees
22 of”; and

23 (B) by striking “whom the Secretary con-
24 cerned determines are providing support to
25 members of the Armed Forces described in
26 paragraph (1)”.

1 (c) TREATMENT OF PREVIOUSLY FURLOUGHED EM-
2 PLOYEES.—Subsection (b) of such section is amended to
3 read as follows:

4 “(b) TREATMENT OF PREVIOUSLY FURLOUGHED
5 EMPLOYEES.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
7 provision of law, the Secretary of Defense (and the
8 Secretary of Homeland Security with respect to the
9 Coast Guard) shall ensure that all personnel de-
10 scribed in paragraph (2) are treated as ‘retained’ or
11 ‘excepted’ status, as those terms are used in the Of-
12 fice of Management and Budget Circular A–11, dur-
13 ing the period for which continuing appropriations
14 are made available pursuant to subsection (a), effec-
15 tive as of the date of the enactment of the Support
16 Our Department of Defense Civilian Employees Act.

17 “(2) PERSONNEL DESCRIBED.—Personnel de-
18 scribed in this paragraph are civilian personnel of
19 the Department of Defense or the Coast Guard that
20 the Secretary of Defense (or the Secretary of Home-
21 land Security with respect to the Coast Guard) de-
22 termined were not in ‘retained’ or ‘excepted’ status,
23 as those terms are used in the Office of Manage-
24 ment and Budget Circular A–11, at any time during
25 the period beginning on October 1, 2013, and ending

1 on the date of the enactment of the Support Our
2 Department of Defense Civilian Employees Act.”.

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