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H. R. 7614

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MACE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability

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 “Presidential Budget
5 Accountability Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON PAY FOR PRESIDENT AND SENIOR**
2 **EXECUTIVE BRANCH OFFICIALS IF PRESI-**
3 **DENT'S BUDGET NOT SUBMITTED ON TIME.**

4 (a) PROHIBITION.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
5 sion of law, if the President does not submit to Congress
6 the budget for any fiscal year on or before the first Mon-
7 day in February of any calendar year as required under
8 section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code, during
9 the period described in subsection (b)(2) the President and
10 any senior official may not receive any pay. In this sub-
11 section, the term “senior official” means any member of
12 the President’s cabinet.

13 (b) ESCROW FOR PRESIDENTIAL PAY.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—In order to ensure that this
15 section is carried out in a manner that shall not
16 vary the compensation of the President in violation
17 of clause 7 of section 1 of article II of the Constitu-
18 tion of the United States, if by the first Monday in
19 February of any calendar year the President has not
20 submitted the annual budget for the fiscal year be-
21 ginning on October 1 of that year as required under
22 such section 1105(a), during the period described in
23 paragraph (2) the appropriate payroll administrator
24 shall deposit in an escrow account all payments oth-
25 erwise required to be made during such period for
26 the compensation of the President, and shall release

1 such payments to the President upon the expiration
2 of such period.

3 (2) PERIOD DESCRIBED.—The period described
4 in this paragraph is the period which begins on Feb-
5 ruary 6 of such calendar year and ending on May
6 6 of such calendar year.

7 (c) APPLICATION.—This Act shall apply with respect
8 to the President’s annual budget submission under such
9 section 1105(a) for fiscal year 2025 and each fiscal year
10 thereafter.

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