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To ensure continuity of pay and allowances for members of the Armed Forces in the event of a lapse in appropriations.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

Mrs. SYKES (for herself, Mr. BACON, Ms. CRAIG, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Ms. MCCLELLAN, Mr. WHITESIDES, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. LANDSMAN, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Ms. McDONALD RIVET, Mr. THANEDAR, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. OLSZEWSKI, Ms. MCBRIDE, Ms. ELFRETH, Mr. RUIZ, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. CUELLAR, Ms. TOKUDA, Ms. GOODLANDER, Mr. SWALWELL, Mr. KENNEDY of New York, Mr. FIGURES, and Ms. SCHRIER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations

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 “Pay Our Military Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS FOR PAY AND AL-**
2 **LOWANCES FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED**
3 **FORCES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—There are hereby appropriated for
5 fiscal year 2026, out of any money in the Treasury not
6 otherwise appropriated, for any period during which in-
7 terim or full-year appropriations for fiscal year 2026 are
8 not in effect, such sums as are necessary to provide pay
9 and allowances to—

10 (1) members of the Armed Forces, including
11 the reserve components thereof, who perform active
12 service or inactive-duty training during such period;

13 (2) civilian employees of the Department of De-
14 fense (and the Department of Homeland Security in
15 the case of the Coast Guard when the Coast Guard
16 is not operating as a service in the Department of
17 the Navy) whom the Secretary concerned determines
18 are providing support to members of the Armed
19 Forces described in paragraph (1); and

20 (3) contractors of the Department of Defense
21 (and the Department of Homeland Security in the
22 case of the Coast Guard when the Coast Guard is
23 not operating as a service in the Department of the
24 Navy) whom the Secretary concerned determines are
25 providing support to members of the Armed Forces
26 described in paragraph (1).

1 (b) TERMINATION.—Appropriations and funds made
2 available and authority granted pursuant to this Act shall
3 be available until the first of the following occurs:

4 (1) The enactment into law of an appropriation
5 (including a continuing appropriation) for any pur-
6 pose for which amounts are made available in sub-
7 section (a).

8 (2) The enactment into law of the applicable
9 regular or continuing appropriations resolution or
10 other Act without any appropriation for such pur-
11 pose.

12 (3) January 1, 2027.

13 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

14 (1) The terms “active service”, “Armed
15 Forces”, and “inactive-duty training” have the
16 meanings given such terms in section 101 of title 10,
17 United States Code.

18 (2) The term “reserve components” means the
19 components named in section 10101 of title 10,
20 United States Code.

21 (3) The term “Secretary concerned” means—

22 (A) the Secretary of Defense with respect
23 to the Department of Defense; and

24 (B) the Secretary of Homeland Security
25 with respect to matters concerning the Coast

- 1 Guard when the Coast Guard is not operating
- 2 as a service in the Department of the Navy.

