

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 5998

To provide for the continued operation of the Hatch Act Unit of the Office of Special Counsel during a lapse in appropriations, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 10, 2025

Mr. CONAWAY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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. OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL HATCH ACT**
4 **UNIT OPERATIONS DURING SHUTDOWN.**

5 During a lapse in appropriations, any services by an
6 officer or employee of the Office of Special Counsel related
7 to carrying out the duties of the Office of Special Counsel
8 with respect to alleged violations of sections 7323 and
9 7324 of title 5, United States Code, shall be deemed, for
10 purposes of section 1342 of title 31, United States Code,

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- 1 services for emergencies involving the safety of human life
- 2 or the protection of property.

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