

Calendar No. 296

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION**S. RES. 526**

Withholding the pay of Senators if a Government shutdown occurs.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 3, 2025

Mr. KENNEDY submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Rules and Administration

DECEMBER 17, 2025

Reported by Mr. McCONNELL, without amendment

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1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. WITHHOLDING PAY OF SENATORS DURING**
3 **GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWNS.**

4 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

5 (1) the term “Government shutdown” means a
6 lapse in appropriations for 1 or more Federal agen-
7 cies or departments; and

1 (2) the term “Secretary of the Senate” means
2 the Secretary of the Senate, or an employee of the
3 Office of the Secretary of the Senate who is des-
4 ignated by the Secretary to carry out the require-
5 ments of this section.

6 (b) WITHHOLDING SENATORS’ PAY IF GOVERNMENT
7 SHUTDOWN OCCURS.—

8 (1) WITHHOLDING PAYMENTS.—During any pe-
9 riod in which a Government shutdown is in effect,
10 the Secretary of the Senate shall disburse and hold
11 any payments otherwise required to be made with
12 respect to such period for the compensation of each
13 Senator.

14 (2) RELEASE OF PAYMENTS.—The Secretary of
15 the Senate shall release to each Senator any pay-
16 ments held under paragraph (1) with respect to a
17 Government shutdown as soon as practicable after
18 the date on which the Government shutdown ends.

19 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall apply on
20 and after the day after the date of the regularly scheduled
21 general election for Federal office held in November 2026.

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