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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SEPTEMBER 28, 2013
Mr. KINGSTON (for himself and Mr. GOHMERT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Armed Services and the Judiciary, 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

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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,
SECTION 1. PAYMENT OF PAY AND ALLOWANCES FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS DURING FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN OR DESPITE REACHING STATUTORY DEBT LIMIT.

(a) Continuation During a Federal Government Shutdown.—During any funding gap during fiscal year 2014 when interim or full-year appropriations for the following activities have not been enacted, from amounts in the general fund of the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the Secretary of the Treasury shall transfer to the head of the appropriate Executive agency such amounts as are necessary to continue such activities:

(1) The payment of pay and allowances for members of the Armed Forces (including reserve components thereof) on active duty.

(2) The payment of salaries and benefits for sworn Federal law enforcement officers.

(b) Continuation Despite Reaching Statutory Debt Limit.—In the event that the debt of the United States Government reaches the statutory limit as defined in section 3101 of title 31, United States Code, the following shall take equal priority over all other obligations incurred by the United States Government:
(1) The payment of pay and allowances for members of the Armed Forces (including reserve components thereof) on active duty.

(2) The payment of salaries and benefits for sworn Federal law enforcement officers.