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H. R. 9791

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 24, 2024

Mrs. SYKES (for herself and Ms. McCLELLAN) 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”.

5 **SEC. 2. CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS FOR PAY AND AL-**
6 **LOWANCES FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED**
7 **FORCES.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—There are hereby appropriated for
9 fiscal year 2025, out of any money in the Treasury not
10 otherwise appropriated, for any period during which in-

1 terim or full-year appropriations for fiscal year 2025 are
2 not in effect, such sums as are necessary to provide pay
3 and allowances to—

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

7 (2) civilian employees of the Department of De-
8 fense (and the Department of Homeland Security in
9 the case of the Coast Guard when the Coast Guard
10 is not operating as a service in the Department of
11 the Navy) whom the Secretary concerned determines
12 are providing support to members of the Armed
13 Forces described in paragraph (1); and

14 (3) contractors of the Department of Defense
15 (and the Department of Homeland Security in the
16 case of the Coast Guard when the Coast Guard is
17 not operating as a service in the Department of the
18 Navy) whom the Secretary concerned determines are
19 providing support to members of the Armed Forces
20 described in paragraph (1).

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

24 (1) The enactment into law of an appropriation
25 (including a continuing appropriation) for any pur-

1 pose for which amounts are made available in sub-
2 section (a).

3 (2) The enactment into law of the applicable
4 regular or continuing appropriations resolution or
5 other Act without any appropriation for such pur-
6 pose.

7 (3) January 1, 2026.

8 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

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

13 (2) The term “reserve components” means the
14 components named in section 10101 of title 10,
15 United States Code.

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

17 (A) the Secretary of Defense with respect
18 to the Department of Defense; and

19 (B) the Secretary of Homeland Security
20 with respect to matters concerning the Coast
21 Guard when the Coast Guard is not operating
22 as a service in the Department of the Navy.

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