

119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 4229

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 27, 2025

Mr. HARRIS of Maryland (for himself, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. CLYDE, Ms. BOEBERT, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. GILL of Texas, and Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Budget, and in addition to the Committee on 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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## 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL BEFORE PUR-**  
2 **SUING CIVIL ACTION UNDER IMPOUNDMENT**  
3 **CONTROL ACT OF 1974.**

4 Section 1016 of the Impoundment Control Act of  
5 1974 (2 U.S.C. 687) is amended—

6 (1) by striking “If,” and inserting “(a) IN GEN-  
7 ERAL.—If,”;

8 (2) by striking “is hereby expressly empowered”  
9 and inserting “may, subject to approval by the Con-  
10 gress under subsection (b),”; and

11 (3) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(b) PRIOR CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL RE-  
13 QUIRED.—The Comptroller General may not bring a civil  
14 action under subsection (a) unless the Congress has en-  
15 acted a concurrent resolution authorizing the Comptroller  
16 General to bring such civil action.”.

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