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To amend title 31, United States Code, to provide for automatic continuous appropriations, and for other purposes.

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Mr. BARR 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 **§ 1. Short title**

4 This Act may be cited as the “End Government Shut-
5 downs Act”.

6 **§ 2. Automatic Continuing Appropriations**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 13 of title 31, United
8 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 1310
9 the following new section:

1 **“§ 1311. Continuing appropriations**

2 “(a)(1) If any appropriation measure for a fiscal year
3 is not enacted before the beginning of such fiscal year or
4 a joint resolution making continuing appropriations is not
5 in effect, there are appropriated such sums as may be nec-
6 essary to continue any program, project, or activity for
7 which funds were provided in the preceding fiscal year—

8 “(A) in the corresponding appropriation
9 Act for such preceding fiscal year; or

10 “(B) if the corresponding appropriation
11 bill for such preceding fiscal year did not be-
12 come law, then in a joint resolution making
13 continuing appropriations for such preceding
14 fiscal year.

15 “(2)(A) Appropriations and funds made avail-
16 able, and authority granted, for a program, project,
17 or activity for any fiscal year pursuant to this sec-
18 tion shall be at a rate of operations not in excess of
19 the lower of—

20 “(i) 99 percent of the rate of oper-
21 ations provided for in the regular appro-
22 priation Act providing for such program,
23 project, or activity for the preceding fiscal
24 year;

25 “(ii) in the absence of such an Act, 99
26 percent of the rate of operations provided

1 for such program, project, or activity pur-
2 suant to a joint resolution making con-
3 tinuing appropriations for such preceding
4 fiscal year; or

5 “(iii) 99 percent of the annualized
6 rate of operations provided for in the most
7 recently enacted joint resolution making
8 continuing appropriations for part of that
9 fiscal year or any funding levels established
10 under the provisions of this Act, for the
11 period of 30 days. After the first 30-day
12 period during which this subsection is in
13 effect for that fiscal year, the applicable
14 rate of operations shall be reduced by 1
15 percentage point. For each subsequent 30-
16 day period during which this subsection is
17 in effect for that fiscal year, the applicable
18 rate of operations shall be reduced by 1
19 percentage point. The 30-day period reduc-
20 tions shall extend beyond the last day of
21 that fiscal year.

22 “(B) If this section is in effect at the end
23 of a fiscal year, funding levels shall continue as
24 provided in this section for the next fiscal year.

1 “(3) Appropriations and funds made available,
2 and authority granted, for any fiscal year pursuant
3 to this section for a program, project, or activity
4 shall be available for the period beginning with the
5 first day of a lapse in appropriations and ending
6 with the date on which the applicable regular appro-
7 priation bill for such fiscal year becomes law (wheth-
8 er or not such law provides for such program,
9 project, or activity) or a continuing resolution mak-
10 ing appropriations becomes law, as the case may be.

11 “(b) An appropriation or funds made available, or au-
12 thority granted, for a program, project, or activity for any
13 fiscal year pursuant to this section shall be subject to the
14 terms and conditions imposed with respect to the appro-
15 priation made or funds made available for the preceding
16 fiscal year, or authority granted for such program, project,
17 or activity under current law.

18 “(c) Expenditures made for a program, project, or
19 activity for any fiscal year pursuant to this section shall
20 be charged to the applicable appropriation, fund, or au-
21 thorization whenever a regular appropriation bill or a joint
22 resolution making continuing appropriations until the end
23 of a fiscal year providing for such program, project, or
24 activity for such period becomes law.

1 “(d) This section shall not apply to a program,
2 project, or activity during a fiscal year if any other provi-
3 sion of law (other than an authorization of appropria-
4 tions)—

5 “(1) makes an appropriation, makes funds
6 available, or grants authority for such program,
7 project, or activity to continue for such period; or

8 “(2) specifically provides that no appropriation
9 shall be made, no funds shall be made available, or
10 no authority shall be granted for such program,
11 project, or activity to continue for such period.”.

12 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
13 of chapter 13 of title 31, United States Code, is amended
14 by inserting after the item relating to section 1310 the
15 following new item:

1311. Continuing appropriations.

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