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To provide the President the authority to sell Federal real property during a lapse in appropriations, and for other purposes.

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Mr. BURLISON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Oversight and Government Reform, and Foreign Affairs, 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

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 “Government Shutdown
5 Efficiency Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORITY TO SELL FEDERAL REAL PROPERTY**
2 **DURING LAPSE IN APPROPRIATIONS.**

3 (a) **AUTHORITY.**—Notwithstanding chapter 33 of
4 title 31, United States Code, during any partial or full
5 lapse in appropriations with respect to the executive
6 branch of the Federal Government, the President may—

7 (1) sell any real property owned by the Federal
8 Government; and

9 (2) use any funds received from such sale to
10 pay the salary and expenses of any Federal officer
11 or employee who is excepted from furlough during
12 such lapse.

13 (b) **EXCEPTED FROM FURLOUGH.**—Any services by
14 an officer or employee under this section relating to the
15 sale of real property shall be deemed, for purposes of sec-
16 tion 1342 of title 31, United States Code, services for
17 emergencies involving the safety of human life or the pro-
18 tection of property.

19 (c) **BACKPAY.**—Any Federal officer or employee who
20 receives salary and expenses during a lapse in appropria-
21 tions pursuant to subsection (a)(2) shall not receive back
22 pay pursuant to section 1341(c) of title 31, United States
23 Code.

24 (d) **AMOUNTS RECEIVED.**—

25 (1) **DEPOSIT.**—If amounts are received from
26 the sale of real property under this section after the

1 applicable lapse in appropriations ends, the Presi-
2 dent shall deposit such amounts in the general fund
3 of the Treasury for the sole purpose of deficit reduc-
4 tion.

5 (2) USE OF FUNDS FOR PURCHASE OF GREEN-
6 LAND.—Any amounts received from the sale of real
7 property under this section may be used for the pur-
8 chase of Greenland by the United States.

9 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

10 (1) FEDERAL OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE.—The
11 term “Federal officer or employee” includes mem-
12 bers of the Armed Forces (as defined in section
13 101(a)(4) of title 10, United States Code), including
14 reserve components thereof, who perform active serv-
15 ice during the applicable lapse in appropriations.

16 (2) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term “Indian Tribe”
17 has the meaning given that term in section 4 of the
18 Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance
19 Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).

20 (3) PROPERTY.—The term “property” has the
21 meaning given that term in section 102 of title 40,
22 United States Code, except that such term does not
23 include—

1 (A) any interest in real property held in
2 trust by the United States for, or reservation
3 of, an Indian Tribe; or

4 (B) any real property located within such
5 property.

6 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON SELLING FEDERAL REAL PROP-**
7 **ERTY TO FOREIGN ADVERSARY COUNTRIES.**

8 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
9 President may not sell any real property owned by the
10 Federal Government to—

- 11 (1) the Democratic People's Republic of Korea;
12 (2) the People's Republic of China;
13 (3) the Russian Federation;
14 (4) the Islamic Republic of Iran; or
15 (5) any entity substantially controlled by any
16 such country.

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