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# H. R. 6044

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 13, 2025

Mr. MAST introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committees on Armed Services, and Transportation and Infrastructure, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Pay Our Patriots Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS FOR ESSENTIAL**  
2 **ARMED FORCES AND FAA PERSONNEL.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—During a covered lapse in appro-  
4 priations, there are appropriated, out of any money in the  
5 Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sums as may  
6 be necessary to provide covered pay and allowances to cov-  
7 ered employees.

8 (b) RATE OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Appropriations  
9 made under subsection (a) shall be available to provide  
10 covered pay and allowances at the rate in effect imme-  
11 diately before the beginning of the covered lapse in appro-  
12 priations.

13 (c) DURATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Appropriations  
14 and authority made available under this section shall con-  
15 tinue until the earlier of—

16 (1) the date on which the applicable regular ap-  
17 propriations Act or continuing resolution are enacted  
18 into law; or

19 (2) the last day of the fiscal year in which the  
20 covered lapse in appropriations begins.

21 **SEC. 3. ENSURING SEAMLESS PAYMENT.**

22 (a) OBLIGATION AND DISBURSEMENT.—The Sec-  
23 retary of Defense, the Secretary of Homeland Security,  
24 and the Secretary of Transportation shall, for their re-  
25 spective covered employees, continue to incur obligations

1 and disburse payments for covered pay and allowances as  
2 if appropriations had been enacted in a timely manner.

3 (b) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Funds appropriated  
4 by this Act shall be immediately available and shall not  
5 be subject to any reduction or sequestration.

6 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act—

8 (1) the term “covered employee” means—

9 (A) a member of the Armed Forces (as de-  
10 fined in section 101 of title 10, United States  
11 Code), including reserve components, who per-  
12 forms active service during a covered lapse in  
13 appropriations; and

14 (B) a civilian employee of the Federal  
15 Aviation Administration who is determined by  
16 the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Ad-  
17 ministration to be performing duties during a  
18 covered lapse in appropriations essential to the  
19 safe operation of the national airspace system,  
20 including air traffic controllers, safety inspec-  
21 tors, and operational support technicians;

22 (2) the term “covered pay and allowances”  
23 means the pay, allowances, and benefits, including  
24 statutory bonuses and retired pay, to which a cov-  
25 ered employee is entitled under law; and

1           (3) the term “covered lapse in appropriations”  
2       means any period beginning on or after the date of  
3       the enactment of this Act during which appropria-  
4       tions are not available for any component of the  
5       Armed Forces or the Federal Aviation Administra-  
6       tion.

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