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H. R. 7844

To provide the Secretary of Homeland Security with the authority to transfer funds between accounts under the Department of Homeland Security during a lapse in appropriations, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 5, 2026

Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mr. HORSFORD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and Ways and Means, 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. TRANSFER OF DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND**
4 **SECURITY FUNDS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection

6 (b), during a lapse in appropriations with respect to the

1 Department of Homeland Security, the Secretary of
2 Homeland Security may transfer to other accounts of the
3 Department of Homeland Security—

4 (1) any unobligated funds appropriated under
5 section 90005 or 90007 of Public Law 119–21
6 (commonly known as the “One Big Beautiful Bill
7 Act”); and

8 (2) any unobligated funds appropriated or oth-
9 erwise made available under Public Law 119–21
10 (commonly known as the “One Big Beautiful Bill
11 Act”) for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforce-
12 ment or U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

13 (b) PROHIBITED TRANSFERS.—The Secretary of
14 Homeland Security may not exercise the authority pro-
15 vided under subsection (a) to transfer funds to any ac-
16 count of—

17 (1) the Office of the Secretary and Executive
18 Management;

19 (2) U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforce-
20 ment; or

21 (3) U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

22 (c) PROHIBITION ON HIRING.—The Secretary of
23 Homeland Security may not use any funds transferred

- 1 under subsection (a) to appoint any individual to a vacant
- 2 position within the Department of Homeland Security.

