

# Calendar No. 205

119TH CONGRESS  
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# S. 3031

Making continuing appropriations for essential Federal Aviation Administration and Transportation Security Administration pay and operations in the event of a Federal Government shutdown, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 22 (legislative day, OCTOBER 21), 2025

Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. LANKFORD, and Mr. SULLIVAN)  
introduced the following bill; which was read the first time

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Read the second time and placed on the calendar

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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 “Keep America Flying  
5 Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS FOR AIR TRAFFIC**  
2 **CONTROLLERS AND TRANSPORTATION SECU-**  
3 **RITY PERSONNEL.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—There are hereby appropriated for  
5 fiscal year 2026, out of any money in the Treasury not  
6 otherwise appropriated, for the period beginning October  
7 1, 2025, during which interim or full-year appropriations  
8 for fiscal year 2026 are not in effect—

9 (1) such sums as are necessary to provide  
10 standard rates of pay, allowances, pay differentials,  
11 benefits, and other payments otherwise payable on a  
12 regular basis to air traffic controllers and other es-  
13 sential operational personnel of the Federal Aviation  
14 Administration whose services are required for the  
15 safe and orderly operation of the national airspace  
16 system;

17 (2) such sums as are necessary to provide  
18 standard rates of pay, allowances, pay differentials,  
19 benefits, and other payments otherwise payable on a  
20 regular basis to employees of the Transportation Se-  
21 curity Administration engaged in screening oper-  
22 ations, aviation security duties, or related mission-  
23 support functions necessary to carry out security  
24 screening under chapter 449 of title 49, United  
25 States Code;

1           (3) such sums as are necessary to provide for  
2       payments to contractors of the Federal Aviation Ad-  
3       ministration whom the Secretary of Transportation  
4       determines are providing support to the personnel  
5       described in paragraph (1); and

6           (4) such sums as are necessary to provide for  
7       payments to contractors of the Transportation Secu-  
8       rity Administration whom the Administrator or Act-  
9       ing Administrator of the Transportation Security  
10      Administration determines are providing support to  
11      the personnel described in paragraph (2).

12      (b) CHARGE TO FUTURE APPROPRIATIONS.—Ex-  
13      penditures made pursuant to subsection (a) shall be  
14      charged to the applicable appropriation, fund, or author-  
15      ization whenever an Act in which such applicable appro-  
16      priation, fund, or authorization is included is enacted into  
17      law.

18      **SEC. 3. TERMINATION.**

19      Appropriations and funds made available and author-  
20      ity granted pursuant to this Act shall be available until  
21      whichever of the following first occurs:

22           (1) The enactment into law of an appropriation  
23           (including a continuing appropriation) for any pur-  
24           pose for which amounts are made available in sec-  
25           tion 2.

1           (2) The enactment into law of the applicable  
2       regular or continuing appropriations resolution or  
3       other Act without any appropriation for such pur-  
4       pose.

5           (3) September 30, 2026.

6   **SEC. 4. RETROACTIVE EFFECTIVE DATE.**

7       This Act shall take effect as if enacted on September  
8   30, 2025.



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