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# S. RES. 526

Withholding the pay of Senators if a Government shutdown occurs.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 3, 2025

Mr. KENNEDY submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the  
Committee on Rules and Administration

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## RESOLUTION

Withholding the pay of Senators if a Government shutdown  
occurs.

1       *Resolved,*

2       **SECTION 1. WITHHOLDING PAY OF SENATORS DURING**  
3               **GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWNS.**

4       (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

5               (1) the term “Government shutdown” means a  
6       lapse in appropriations for 1 or more Federal agen-  
7       cies or departments; and

8               (2) the term “Secretary of the Senate” means  
9       the Secretary of the Senate, or an employee of the  
10      Office of the Secretary of the Senate who is des-

1       ignated by the Secretary to carry out the require-  
2       ments of this section.

3       (b) WITHHOLDING SENATORS' PAY IF GOVERNMENT  
4 SHUTDOWN OCCURS.—

5           (1) WITHHOLDING PAYMENTS.—During any pe-  
6       riod in which a Government shutdown is in effect,  
7       the Secretary of the Senate shall disburse and hold  
8       any payments otherwise required to be made with  
9       respect to such period for the compensation of each  
10      Senator.

11          (2) RELEASE OF PAYMENTS.—The Secretary of  
12      the Senate shall release to each Senator any pay-  
13      ments held under paragraph (1) with respect to a  
14      Government shutdown as soon as practicable after  
15      the date on which the Government shutdown ends.

16      (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall apply on  
17      and after the day after the date of the regularly scheduled  
18      general election for Federal office held in November 2026.

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