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To prevent Government shutdowns.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GEKAS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on Appropriations

A BILL

To prevent Government shutdowns.

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 Prevention Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. CONTINUING FUNDING.**

7 (a) If any regular appropriation bill for fiscal year
8 1998 does not become law prior to the beginning of fiscal
9 year 1998 or a joint resolution making continuing appro-
10 priations is not in effect, there is appropriated, out of any
11 moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, and
12 out of applicable corporate or other revenues, receipts, and

1 funds, such sums as may be necessary to continue any
2 program, project, or activity for which funds were provided
3 in fiscal year 1997.

4 (b) Appropriations and funds made available, and au-
5 thority granted, for a program, project, or activity for fis-
6 cal year 1998 pursuant to this Act shall be at 100 per
7 cent of the rate of operations that was provided for the
8 program, project, or activity in fiscal year 1997 in the cor-
9 responding regular appropriation Act for fiscal year 1997.

10 (c) Appropriations and funds made available, and au-
11 thority granted, for fiscal year 1998 pursuant to this Act
12 for a program, project, or activity shall be available for
13 the period beginning with the first day of a lapse in appro-
14 priations and ending with the earlier of—

15 (1) the date on which the applicable regular ap-
16 propriation bill for fiscal year 1998 becomes law
17 (whether or not that law provides for that program,
18 project, or activity) or a continuing resolution mak-
19 ing appropriations becomes law, as the case may be;
20 or

21 (2) the last day of fiscal year 1998.

22 **SEC. 3. TERMS AND CONDITIONS.**

23 (a) An appropriation of funds made available, or au-
24 thority granted, for a program, project, or activity for fis-
25 cal year 1998 pursuant to this Act shall be made available

1 to the extent and in the manner which would be provided
2 by the pertinent appropriations Act for fiscal year 1997,
3 including all of the terms and conditions and the appor-
4 tionment schedule imposed with respect to the appropria-
5 tion made or funds made available for fiscal year 1997
6 or authority granted for the program, project, or activity
7 under current law.

8 (b) Appropriations made by this Act shall be available
9 to the extent and in the manner which would be provided
10 by the pertinent appropriations Act.

11 **SEC. 4. COVERAGE.**

12 Appropriations and funds made available, and au-
13 thority granted, for any program, project, or activity for
14 fiscal year 1998 pursuant to this Act shall cover all obliga-
15 tions or expenditures incurred for that program, project,
16 or activity during the portion of fiscal year 1998 for which
17 this Act applies to that program, project, or activity.

18 **SEC. 5. EXPENDITURES**

19 Expenditures made for a program, project, or activity
20 for fiscal year 1998 pursuant to this Act shall be charged
21 to the applicable appropriation, fund, or authorization
22 whenever a regular appropriation bill or a joint resolution
23 making continuing appropriations until the end of fiscal
24 year 1998 providing for that program, project, or activity
25 for that period becomes law.

1 **SEC. 6. INITIATING OR RESUMING A PROGRAM, PROJECT,**
2 **OR ACTIVITY.**

3 No appropriation or funds made available or author-
4 ity granted pursuant to this Act shall be used to initiate
5 or resume any program, project, or activity for which ap-
6 propriations, funds, or other authority were not available
7 during fiscal year 1997.

8 **SEC. 7. PROTECTION OF OTHER OBLIGATIONS.**

9 Nothing in this Act shall be construed to effect Gov-
10 ernment obligations mandated by other law, including obli-
11 gations with respect to Social Security, Medicare, Medic-
12 aid, and veterans benefits.

13 **SEC. 8. DEFINITION.**

14 In this Act, the term “regular appropriation bill”
15 means any annual appropriation bill making appropria-
16 tions, otherwise making funds available, or granting au-
17 thority, for any of the following categories of programs,
18 projects, and activities:

19 (1) Agriculture, rural development, and related
20 agencies programs.

21 (2) The Departments of Commerce, Justice,
22 and State, the judiciary, and related agencies.

23 (3) The Department of Defense.

24 (4) The government of the District of Columbia
25 and other activities chargeable in whole or in part
26 against the revenues of the District.

1 (5) The Departments of Labor, Health and
2 Human Services, and Education, and related agen-
3 cies.

4 (6) The Departments of Veterans Affairs and
5 Housing and Urban Development, and sundry inde-
6 pendent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations,
7 and offices.

8 (7) Energy and water development.

9 (8) Foreign assistance and related programs.

10 (9) The Department of the Interior and related
11 agencies.

12 (10) Military construction.

13 (11) The Department of Transportation and re-
14 lated agencies.

15 (12) The Treasury Department, the U.S. Postal
16 Service, the Executive Office of the President, and
17 certain independent agencies.

18 (13) The legislative branch.

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