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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 14, 2011

Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mrs. HUTCHISON, and Mr. CASEY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Pay Our Troops Act”.

3 **SEC. 2. EMERGENCY FUNDING FOR PAY AND ALLOWANCES**

4 **FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES DUR-**
5 **ING FUNDING GAP IMPACTING THE DEPART-**
6 **MENT OF DEFENSE OR DEPARTMENT OF**
7 **HOMELAND SECURITY.**

8 (a) FUNDS FOR MILITARY PAY AND ALLOWANCES.—

9 During a funding gap impacting the Armed Forces, the
10 Secretary of the Treasury shall make available to the Sec-
11 retary of Defense (and the Secretary of Homeland Secu-
12 rity in the case of the Coast Guard), out of any amounts
13 in the general fund of the Treasury not otherwise appro-
14 priated, such amounts as the Secretary of Defense (and
15 the Secretary of Homeland Security in the case of the
16 Coast Guard) determines to be necessary to continue to
17 provide pay and allowances (without interruption) to mem-
18 bers of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and
19 Coast Guard, including reserve components thereof, who
20 perform active service during the funding gap.

21 (b) FUNDING GAP DEFINED.—In this section, the
22 term “funding gap” means any period of time after the
23 beginning of a fiscal year for which interim or full-year
24 appropriations for the personnel accounts of the Armed
25 Forces for that fiscal year have not been enacted.