

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3969

To amend title 11, United States Code, to include certain pension as administrative expenses in bankruptcy, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 5, 2017

Mr. RYAN of Ohio (for himself and Mr. NORCROSS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “Prioritizing Our Work-
5 ers Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ALLOWANCE OF ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 503(b) of title 11, United
8 States Code, is amended—

9 (1) in paragraph (8)(B), by striking “and” at
10 the end;

1 (2) in paragraph (9), by striking the period at
2 the end and inserting a semicolon; and

3 (3) by inserting after paragraph (9) the fol-
4 lowing:

5 “(10) notwithstanding section 507(a)(5), all un-
6 funded vested benefits in a defined benefit pension
7 plan; and

8 “(11) withdrawal liability determined under
9 part 1 of subtitle E of title IV of the Employee Re-
10 tirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C.
11 1381 et seq.).”.

12 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 507(a)(5)
13 is amended by inserting “except as provided in section
14 503(b)(10),” after “Fifth,”.

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