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# H. R. 7398

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 22, 2018

Mr. FOSTER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on House Administration

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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 “Shutdown  
5       Prioritization Act” or the “SPA Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITING OPERATION OF MEMBER EXERCISE**  
2 **FACILITY OR MEMBERS' DINING ROOM DUR-**  
3 **ING SHUTDOWN.**

4 (a) PROHIBITION.—During a Government shutdown,  
5 the Architect of the Capitol may not operate—

6 (1) an exercise facility for Members of the  
7 House of Representatives; or

8 (2) the Members' Dining Room in the United  
9 States Capitol.

10 (b) COMPENSATION FOR FURLOUGHED EMPLOY-  
11 EES.—Any employee of the Office of the Architect of the  
12 Capitol who is assigned to the exercise facility or Mem-  
13 bers' Dining Room described in subsection (a) and who  
14 is furloughed as a result of a Government shutdown shall  
15 be compensated at the employee's standard rate of com-  
16 pensation, for the period of such Government shutdown,  
17 as soon as practicable after such Government shutdown  
18 ends.

19 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act—

20 (1) a “Government shutdown” shall be consid-  
21 ered to be in effect if there is a lapse in appropria-  
22 tions for any Federal agency or department as a re-  
23 sult of a failure to enact a regular appropriations  
24 bill or continuing resolution; and

1           (2) the term “Members of the House of Rep-  
2    representatives” includes any Delegate or Resident  
3    Commissioner to the Congress.

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