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# H. R. 5667

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 21, 2023

Mrs. SYKES (for herself and Mr. BACON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations

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## A BILL

To ensure continuity of pay and allowances for members of the Armed Forces in the event of a lapse in appropriations.

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 “Pay Our Military Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS FOR PAY AND AL-**

6 **LOWANCES FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED**

7 **FORCES.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—There are hereby appropriated for  
9 fiscal year 2024, out of any money in the Treasury not  
10 otherwise appropriated, for any period during which in-

1 term or full-year appropriations for fiscal year 2024 are  
2 not in effect, such sums as are necessary to provide pay  
3 and allowances to—

4 (1) members of the Armed Forces, including  
5 the reserve components thereof, who perform active  
6 service or inactive-duty training during such period;

7 (2) civilian employees of the Department of De-  
8 fense (and the Department of Homeland Security in  
9 the case of the Coast Guard when the Coast Guard  
10 is not operating as a service in the Department of  
11 the Navy) whom the Secretary concerned determines  
12 are providing support to members of the Armed  
13 Forces described in paragraph (1); and

14 (3) contractors of the Department of Defense  
15 (and the Department of Homeland Security in the  
16 case of the Coast Guard when the Coast Guard is  
17 not operating as a service in the Department of the  
18 Navy) whom the Secretary concerned determines are  
19 providing support to members of the Armed Forces  
20 described in paragraph (1).

21 (b) TERMINATION.—Appropriations and funds made  
22 available and authority granted pursuant to this Act shall  
23 be available until the first of the following occurs:

24 (1) The enactment into law of an appropriation  
25 (including a continuing appropriation) for any pur-

1       pose for which amounts are made available in sub-  
2       section (a).

3               (2) The enactment into law of the applicable  
4       regular or continuing appropriations resolution or  
5       other Act without any appropriation for such pur-  
6       pose.

7               (3) January 1, 2025.

8       (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

9               (1) The terms “active service”, “Armed  
10      Forces”, and “inactive-duty training” have the  
11      meanings given such terms in section 101 of title 10,  
12      United States Code.

13              (2) The term “reserve components” means the  
14      components named in section 10101 of title 10,  
15      United States Code.

16              (3) The term “Secretary concerned” means—

17                      (A) the Secretary of Defense with respect  
18                      to the Department of Defense; and

19                      (B) the Secretary of Homeland Security  
20                      with respect to matters concerning the Coast  
21                      Guard when the Coast Guard is not operating  
22                      as a service in the Department of the Navy.

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