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Making continuing appropriations for the Armed Forces and certain Federal civilian personnel in the event of a Government shutdown during fiscal year 2024, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BIGGS (for himself, Mr. OGLES, Mr. ROSENDALE, Mr. CRANE, Mr. BURLISON, Mr. NORMAN, and Mr. CLYDE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations

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 “Funding A Secure
5 America Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS FOR MEMBERS OF**
2 **THE ARMED FORCES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—There are hereby appropriated for
4 fiscal year 2024, out of any money in the Treasury not
5 otherwise appropriated, for any period during which in-
6 terim or full-year appropriations for fiscal year 2024 are
7 not in effect—

8 (1) such sums as are necessary to provide pay
9 and allowances to members of the Armed Forces (as
10 defined in section 101(a)(4) of title 10, United
11 States Code), including reserve components thereof,
12 who perform active service during such period;

13 (2) such sums as are necessary to provide pay
14 and allowances to the civilian personnel of the De-
15 partment of Defense (and the Department of Home-
16 land Security in the case of the Coast Guard) whom
17 the Secretary concerned determines are providing
18 support to members of the Armed Forces described
19 in paragraph (1); and

20 (3) such sums as are necessary to provide pay
21 and allowances to contractors of the Department of
22 Defense (and the Department of Homeland Security
23 in the case of the Coast Guard) whom the Secretary
24 concerned determines are providing support to mem-
25 bers of the Armed Forces described in paragraph
26 (1).

1 (b) SECRETARY CONCERNED DEFINED.—In this sec-
2 tion, the term “Secretary concerned” means—

3 (1) the Secretary of Defense with respect to
4 matters concerning the Department of Defense; and

5 (2) the Secretary of Homeland Security with re-
6 spect to matters concerning the Coast Guard.

7 **SEC. 3. CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CBP, ICE, TSA,**
8 **AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS, AND DEPART-**
9 **MENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS PERSONNEL.**

10 (a) EMPLOYEES.—There are hereby appropriated for
11 fiscal year 2024, out of any money in the Treasury not
12 otherwise appropriated, for any period during which in-
13 terim or full-year appropriations for fiscal year 2024 are
14 not in effect, such sums as are necessary for the salaries
15 and expenses of—

16 (1) U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents
17 and officers who are performing mission critical
18 functions at United States Southwest, Northern, and
19 maritime border ports of entry, and between such
20 ports of entry, including preventing entry of terror-
21 ists, terrorists weapons, illegal aliens, illicit drugs,
22 and other illegal contraband;

23 (2) U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforce-
24 ment officers and agents who conduct—

1 (A) immigration enforcement, including de-
2 taining and removing aliens (as defined in sec-
3 tion 101 of the Immigration and Nationality
4 Act); and

5 (B) investigations of criminal operations
6 and organizations, including—

7 (i) the illegal trade of contraband
8 such as goods, weapons, and drugs; and

9 (ii) the smuggling and trafficking of
10 people;

11 (3) any officer or employee of the Transpor-
12 tation Security Administration engaged in law en-
13 forcement or security functions, including the Fed-
14 eral Air Marshal Service, operations support, and se-
15 curity operations office;

16 (4) any air traffic controller (as that term is de-
17 fined in section 8331 of title 5, United States Code);
18 and

19 (5) any officer or employee of the Department
20 of Veterans Affairs—

21 (A) who is employed at—

22 (i) the Board of Veteran’s Appeals;

23 (ii) a medical facility of the Depart-
24 ment;

1 (iii) a contact center of the Depart-
2 ment;

3 (iv) the toll-free hotline for veterans
4 provided by the Secretary under section
5 1720F(h) of title 38, United States Code;
6 or

7 (v) regional office of the Department;
8 or

9 (B) whose official duties involve the proc-
10 essing and delivery of benefits under the laws
11 administered by the Secretary of Veterans Af-
12 fairs, including burial benefits.

13 (b) CONTRACTORS.—There are hereby appropriated
14 for fiscal year 2024, out of any money in the Treasury
15 not otherwise appropriated, for any period during which
16 interim or full-year appropriations for fiscal year 2024 are
17 not in effect, such sums as are necessary to provide pay
18 and allowances to contractors of each agency under sub-
19 paragraph (3), (4), or (5) of subsection (a) whom the head
20 of such agency determines are providing support to em-
21 ployees of the agency described under any such paragraph.

22 **SEC. 4. TERMINATION.**

23 Appropriations and funds made available and author-
24 ity granted pursuant to this Act shall be available until
25 whichever of the following first occurs:

1 (1) The enactment into law of an appropriation
2 (including a continuing appropriation) for any pur-
3 pose for which amounts are made available in sec-
4 tion 2 or 3.

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

9 (3) October 1, 2024.

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