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H. R. 5420

To provide for the continued payment of social security benefits during lapses in appropriations.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 29, 2021

Mr. GOHMERT (for himself, Mr. WEBER of Texas, and Mr. DUNCAN) 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 “All Seniors Always
5 Paid (ASAP) Too Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. CONTINUED PAYMENT OF SOCIAL SECURITY BENE-**
7 **FITS DURING PERIODS OF LAPSED APPRO-**
8 **PRIATIONS.**

9 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) The term “social security benefits” means
2 monthly insurance benefits payable under title II of
3 the Social Security Act.

4 (2) The term “period of lapsed appropriations”,
5 when used with respect to social security benefits,
6 means any period during which appropriations are
7 not available due to the absence of the timely enact-
8 ment of any Act or joint resolution (including any
9 Act or joint resolution making continuing appropria-
10 tions) appropriating funds to administer the pay-
11 ment of social security benefits.

12 (b) APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS TO CONTINUE PAY-
13 MENT OF SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS.—For any period
14 of lapsed appropriations, there are appropriated, out of
15 the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund
16 and the Disability Insurance Trust Fund, as appropriate,
17 to the Commissioner of Social Security to allow the Com-
18 missioner to continue to administer the payment of social
19 security benefits without interruption.

20 (c) EFFECT OF END OF PERIOD OF LAPSED APPRO-
21 PRIATIONS.—Expenditures made for any fiscal year pur-
22 suant to this section shall be charged to the applicable
23 appropriation whenever the regular appropriation bill (or

- 1 other bill or joint resolution making continuing appropria-
- 2 tions through the end of the fiscal year) becomes law.

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