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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 6 (legislative day, APRIL 4), 2017

Mr. HELLER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Ensuring Pay for Our
3 Military Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS TO PRO-**
5 **VIDE PAY AND ALLOWANCES FOR MEMBERS**
6 **OF THE ARMED FORCES AND SUPPORTING**
7 **CIVILIAN AND CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL**
8 **DURING FUNDING GAP IMPACTING THE DE-**
9 **PARTMENT OF DEFENSE OR DEPARTMENT**
10 **OF HOMELAND SECURITY.**

11 (a) APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR MILITARY PAY
12 AND ALLOWANCES.—During a funding gap impacting the
13 Armed Forces, the Secretary of the Treasury shall make
14 available to the Secretary of Defense (and the Secretary
15 of Homeland Security in the case of the Coast Guard),
16 out of any amounts in the general fund of the Treasury
17 not otherwise appropriated, such amounts as the Secretary
18 of Defense (and the Secretary of Homeland Security in
19 the case of the Coast Guard) determines to be necessary
20 to continue to provide pay and allowances (without inter-
21 ruption) to the following:

22 (1) Members of the Army, Navy, Air Force,
23 Marine Corps, and Coast Guard, including reserve
24 components thereof, who perform active service dur-
25 ing the funding gap.

1 (2) At the discretion of the Secretary of De-
2 fense, such civilian personnel of the Department of
3 Defense who are providing support to the members
4 of the Armed Forces described in paragraph (1) as
5 the Secretary considers appropriate.

6 (3) At the discretion of the Secretary of De-
7 fense, such personnel of contractors of the Depart-
8 ment of Defense who are providing direct support to
9 the members of the Armed Forces described in para-
10 graph (1) as the Secretary considers appropriate.

11 (b) FUNDING GAP DEFINED.—In this section, the
12 term “funding gap” means any period of time after the
13 beginning of a fiscal year for which interim or full-year
14 appropriations for the personnel accounts of the Armed
15 Forces for that fiscal year have not been enacted.

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