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# H. R. 5641

To make continuing appropriations for military pay in the event of a  
Government shutdown.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 21, 2023

Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia introduced the following bill; which was referred to  
the Committee on Appropriations

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## A BILL

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event of a Government shutdown.

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 Troops Act”.

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

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

1 not in effect, such sums as are necessary to provide pay  
2 and allowances to—

3 (1) members of the Armed Forces, including  
4 the reserve components thereof, who perform active  
5 service during such period;

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

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

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

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

1       pose for which amounts are made available by 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” and “Armed  
10       Forces” have the meanings given such terms in sec-  
11       tion 101 of title 10, United States Code.

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

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

16           (A) the Secretary of Defense with respect  
17       to matters concerning the Department of De-  
18       fense; 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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