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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 13, 2011

Mr. POSEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations

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## 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 “Assure  
5       Servicemembers Are Paid Act of 2011” or “ASAP Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONTINUANCE OF PAY AND ALLOWANCES FOR**  
2 **MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND DE-**  
3 **PARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND COAST GUARD**  
4 **CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES DURING PERIODS OF**  
5 **LAPSED APPROPRIATIONS.**

6 (a) FINDING.—Congress finds that, since the Presi-  
7 dent, Vice President, and members of Congress are paid  
8 compensation notwithstanding any period of lapsed appro-  
9 priations to comply with section 6 of Article I and section  
10 1 of Article II of the United States Constitution and the  
11 XXVII Amendment, equity and fairness demand the same  
12 consideration be given to members of the Armed Forces  
13 defending the United States and the civilian employees of  
14 the Department of Defense and the Coast Guard sup-  
15 porting the warfighter.

16 (b) APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS.—Amounts are here-  
17 by appropriated to the Secretary of Defense (and the Sec-  
18 retary of Homeland Security in the case of the Coast  
19 Guard) during a period of lapsed appropriations, out of  
20 any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,  
21 to allow the Secretary of Defense (and the Secretary of  
22 Homeland Security in the case of the Coast Guard) to con-  
23 tinue to provide pay and allowances (without interruption)  
24 to members of the Armed Forces and civilian employees  
25 of the Department of Defense and the Coast Guard.

1           (c) PERIOD OF LAPSED APPROPRIATIONS.—In this  
2 section, the term “period of lapsed appropriations” means  
3 any period during which appropriations are not available  
4 due to the absence of the timely enactment of any Act  
5 or joint resolution (including any Act or joint resolution  
6 making continuing appropriations) appropriating funds  
7 for the payment of the pay and allowances of the Armed  
8 Forces and civilian employees of the Department of De-  
9 fense and the Coast Guard.

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