

118TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 5832

To authorize Inspectors General to continue operations during a lapse in appropriations, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 29, 2023

Mr. CONNOLLY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability

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 “Keep the Watchdogs
5 Running Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. INSPECTOR GENERAL OVERSIGHT DURING LAPSE**
7 **IN APPROPRIATIONS.**

8 Subsection (g) of section 6 of the Inspector General
9 Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) is amended by adding at the
10 end the following new paragraph:

1 “(4) Notwithstanding any other provision of law and
2 in addition to any other authority, during a lapse in appro-
3 priations, an Inspector General may incur obligations in
4 advance of appropriations—

5 “(A) for such amounts as may be necessary and
6 at a rate for operations and under the authority and
7 conditions as provided in the most recently enacted
8 appropriations Acts; and

9 “(B) to perform the duties of the Office with
10 respect to any program and operation of the estab-
11 lishment that continues during the lapse in appro-
12 priations.”.

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