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1ST SESSION

S. 1012

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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 28, 2023

Mr. BRAUN (for himself and Mr. CARPER) introduced the following bill; which
was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and
Governmental Affairs

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”.

1 **SEC. 2. INSPECTOR GENERAL OVERSIGHT DURING LAPSE**
2 **IN APPROPRIATIONS.**

3 Section 6(g) of the Inspector General Act of 1978
4 (5 U.S.C. App.) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing:

6 “(4)(A) In this paragraph, the term ‘covered lapse
7 in appropriations’ has the meaning given the term in sec-
8 tion 1341(c) of title 31, United States Code.

9 “(B) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and
10 in addition to any other authority, during a covered lapse
11 in appropriations, an Inspector General may incur obliga-
12 tions in advance of appropriations for such amounts as
13 may be necessary, at a rate for operations as provided in
14 the most recently enacted appropriations Acts and under
15 the authority and conditions provided in such Acts, to per-
16 form the duties of the Office with respect to programs and
17 operations of the establishment that continue during the
18 covered lapse in appropriations.”.

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