

113TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3217

To ensure the pay and allowances of members of the Armed Forces in the event that the debt limit is reached or during a funding gap, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 28, 2013

Mr. LAMBORN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Armed Services and Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To ensure the pay and allowances of members of the Armed Forces in the event that the debt limit is reached or during a funding gap, and for other purposes.

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 “Military Pay Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PAY AND ALLOWANCES FOR NATIONAL SECURITY**
2 **PERSONNEL IF THE DEBT CEILING IS**
3 **REACHED.**

4 In the event that the debt of the United States Gov-
5 ernment, as defined in section 3101 of title 31, United
6 States Code, reaches the statutory limit, the Secretary of
7 the Treasury shall make available the following amounts:

8 (1) Such amounts as the Secretary of Defense
9 (and the Secretary of Homeland Security in the case
10 of the Coast Guard) determines to be necessary to
11 continue to provide pay and allowances (without
12 interruption) to members of the Army, Navy, Air
13 Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard, including
14 reserve components thereof, as well as civilian em-
15 ployees of the Department of Defense (and the De-
16 partment of Homeland Security in the case of the
17 Coast Guard) and designated contractors.

18 (2) Such amounts as the President certifies to
19 Congress as are necessary to carry out vital national
20 security priorities of the United States.

21 **SEC. 3. EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR DE-**
22 **FENSE AND NATIONAL SECURITY DURING A**
23 **FUNDING GAP.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—During any funding gap, the Sec-
25 retary of the Treasury shall make available, out of any

1 amounts in the general fund of the Treasury not otherwise
2 appropriated—

3 (1) such amounts as the Secretary of Defense
4 (and the Secretary of Homeland Security in the case
5 of the Coast Guard) determines to be necessary to
6 continue to provide pay and allowances (without
7 interruption) to members of the Army, Navy, Air
8 Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard, including
9 reserve components thereof, as well as civilian em-
10 ployees of the Department of Defense (and the De-
11 partment of Homeland Security in the case of the
12 Coast Guard) and designated contractors; and

13 (2) such amounts as the President certifies to
14 the Congress are necessary to carry out vital na-
15 tional security priorities.

16 (b) FUNDING GAP DEFINED.—For purposes of this
17 section and with respect to an obligation incurred by the
18 Government of the United States, the term “funding gap”
19 means any period of time after the beginning of a fiscal
20 year for which interim or full-year appropriations for such
21 obligation have not been enacted.

○