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H. R. 6224

To prohibit payment of administrative funding to States with a high backlog of unprocessed unemployment claims, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HARDER of California introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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 “Fix the Unemployment
5 Backlogs Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON PAYMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE**
7 **FUNDING TO STATES WITH HIGH BACKLOG**
8 **OF UNPROCESSED UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—In the case of any State in which
10 the Secretary of Labor determines, as of the date of enact-

1 ment of this Act, that the number of unprocessed unem-
2 ployment claims in the State is in excess of 45,000, the
3 Secretary of Labor shall make no certification for payment
4 of amounts for unemployment compensation administra-
5 tion under section 302 of the Social Security Act to such
6 State at any time following the date that is 180 days after
7 the date of enactment of this Act unless the Secretary de-
8 termines at such time that the number of unprocessed un-
9 employment claims in the State has been reduced to zero.

10 (b) DEFINITION OF UNPROCESSED UNEMPLOYMENT

11 CLAIM.—For purposes of subsection (a), the term “un-
12 processed unemployment claim” means, with respect to a
13 State, a claim for unemployment compensation filed in the
14 State for which a determination of initial eligibility has
15 not been made within 21 days of the date of filing.

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