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# H. R. 858

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CARTER of Georgia (for himself and Ms. MACE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, 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

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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 “Presidential Account-  
5 ability for Yearly Submission of The United States’ Budg-  
6 et Act” or the “PAYSTUB Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS FOR PO-**  
2 **LITICAL EMPLOYEE SALARIES AND EX-**  
3 **PENSES IF PRESIDENT'S BUDGET IS LATE.**

4 Section 1105 of title 31, United States Code, is  
5 amended by adding at the end the following:

6 “(j)(1) If the budget under subsection (a) is not sub-  
7 mitted to Congress on or before the first Monday in Feb-  
8 ruary of a year, during the period beginning on the first  
9 Tuesday of February of such year and ending on the date  
10 the budget is submitted, no Federal funds may be obli-  
11 gated or expended for the salary or expenses of any polit-  
12 ical employee.

13 “(2) Each political employee whose salary and ex-  
14 penses are not paid by operation of paragraph (1) shall  
15 be paid for the period the limitation under such subsection  
16 was in effect at the employee’s standard rate of pay, at  
17 the earliest date possible after such period ends, regardless  
18 of scheduled pay dates.

19 “(3) In this subsection, the term ‘political employee’  
20 means any individual—

21 “(A) occupying a position described under sec-  
22 tions 5312 through 5316 of title 5 (relating to the  
23 Executive Schedule);

24 “(B) serving under a noncareer appointment in  
25 the Senior Executive Service, as defined under para-  
26 graph (7) of section 3132(a) of such title; or

1           “(C) occupying a position in the executive  
2           branch of the Government of a confidential or pol-  
3           icy-determining character under schedule C of sub-  
4           part C of part 213 of title 5, Code of Federal Regu-  
5           lations.”.

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