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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 4, 2011

Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself and Mr. INHOFE) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Appropriations

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Ensuring Pay for Our
3 Military Act of 2011”.

4 **SEC. 2. EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS TO PRO-**
5 **VIDE PAY AND ALLOWANCES FOR MEMBERS**
6 **OF THE ARMED FORCES DURING FUNDING**
7 **GAP IMPACTING THE DEPARTMENT OF DE-**
8 **FENSE OR DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SE-**
9 **CURITY.**

10 (a) **APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR MILITARY PAY**
11 **AND ALLOWANCES.**—During a funding gap impacting the
12 Armed Forces, the Secretary of the Treasury shall make
13 available to the Secretary of Defense (and the Secretary
14 of Homeland Security in the case of the Coast Guard),
15 out of any amounts in the general fund of the Treasury
16 not otherwise appropriated, such amounts as the Secretary
17 of Defense (and the Secretary of Homeland Security in
18 the case of the Coast Guard) determines to be necessary
19 to continue to provide pay and allowances (without inter-
20 ruption) to members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Ma-
21 rine Corps, and Coast Guard, including reserve compo-
22 nents thereof, who perform active service during the fund-
23 ing gap.

24 (b) **FUNDING GAP DEFINED.**—In this section, the
25 term “funding gap” means any period of time after the
26 beginning of a fiscal year for which interim or full-year

1 appropriations for the personnel accounts of the Armed
2 Forces for that fiscal year have not been enacted.

3 (c) DURATION OF TRANSFER AUTHORITY.—No
4 transfer may be made by the Secretary of the Treasury
5 under subsection (a) after December 31, 2011.

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