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# H. R. 1297

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 31, 2011

Mr. GOHMERT (for himself and Mr. KINGSTON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on 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

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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 “Ensuring Pay for Our  
5 Military Act of 2011”.

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

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

1       (b) FUNDING GAP DEFINED.—In this section, the  
2 term “funding gap” means any period of time after the  
3 beginning of a fiscal year for which interim or full-year  
4 appropriations for the personnel accounts of the Armed  
5 Forces for that fiscal year have not been enacted.

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

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