

HR 1988

Pay Federal Workers and Servicemembers Act

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Rep. Bell, Wesley [D-MO-1]	D · MO		Oct 17, 2025
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Rep. Tokuda, Jill N. [D-HI-2]	D · HI		Jan 8, 2026

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 10, 2025

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 HR 5572	Related bill	Sep 19, 2023: Referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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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This bill makes federal civilian and military personnel who are excepted from furlough during a government shutdown eligible for unemployment compensation benefits.

During a government shutdown due to a lapse in appropriations, federal employees who are excepted from furlough are required to report for work and perform duties, but their pay is delayed until appropriations legislation is enacted. Under guidance issued by the Department of Labor, excepted employees who are performing services (but whose payment for that work is delayed) are generally ineligible for unemployment compensation benefits based on states' definitions of unemployment.

This bill provides that, for the purpose of determining eligibility for unemployment compensation during a government shutdown, excepted employees are deemed to be (1) totally separated from federal service, and (2) eligible for unemployment compensation benefits with no waiting period for the eligibility to accrue.

The bill applies to the following federal personnel who are excepted from furlough and are not being paid due to a government shutdown: (1) any member of the Armed Forces or the Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and (2) any federal civilian employee who is an excepted employee or an employee performing emergency work.

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