

HR 5851

Keep America Flying Act of 2026

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Transportation and Public Works

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. James, John [R-MI-10]

Party: Republican • **State:** MI • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Mackenzie, Ryan [R-PA-7]	R · PA		Oct 31, 2025

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Appropriations Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 28, 2025

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 S 3031	Identical bill	Oct 22, 2025: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 205.

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This bill provides continuing appropriations to pay air traffic controllers, other essential Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) employees, and certain Transportation Security Administration (TSA) employees during the period in which interim or full-year appropriations for FY2026 are not in effect (i.e., the government shutdown).

Specifically, the bill provides FY2026 continuing appropriations to pay and provide benefits to

- air traffic controllers and other FAA essential operational personnel whose services are required for the safe and orderly operation of the national airspace system; and
- TSA employees engaged in screening operations, aviation security duties, or related mission-support functions necessary to carry out security screening.

The bill also provides appropriations for payments to FAA and TSA contractors who are providing support to these employees.

The bill provides the continuing appropriations until the earlier of (1) the enactment into law of specified appropriations legislation, or (2) September 30, 2026.

The bill must take effect as if it had been enacted on September 30, 2025.

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