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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES

March 20, 2023

Speaker Lucas Posting of Pacifica (For himself,) introduced the following bill;

A BILL

To Revitalize America's Finances and Eliminate the Present Shutdown

*Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States
of America in Congress Assembled,*

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

SHORT TITLE. — This act may be cited as the “Continuing Operations and Necessary Government Resources Extension and Spending Stopgap, Including Some Limited Authorizations for Zero Yielding Act” (CONGRESS IS LAZY Act)

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY AND SUPREMACY.

- (a) SEVERABILITY. — Should any one or more provision, section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, word, application of this Act be deemed invalid or unconstitutional for any reason in a court with relevant jurisdiction, the rest of the Act, and the application of the remaining provisions, shall not be affected.
- (b) SUPREMACY. — Should any provision or portion of the existing law violate or contradict any section of this Act, it shall be declared null and void.

SECTION 3. FINDINGS.

Congress finds that. —

- (i) The United States is currently in a shutdown, and that it is necessitated to open availability to funding so as to temporarily mitigate the shutdown while the Congress and the President consider this nation's financial options to pass a permanent measure to provide appropriations; and
- (ii) Ending this shutdown will revitalize our nation's finances.

Written by Daniel Sullivan for usage by the Congress of the United States of America. Introduced into the House by Lucas Posting with the consent of Sen. Sullivan.

SECTION 4. SHUTDOWN ELIMINATION.

- (a) IN GENERAL. — To carry out the activities of the government, such funds as may be necessary are hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the timeline outlined within this section, to remain available until expended.
- (b) METHOD OF APPROPRIATION. — Appropriations made pursuant to this section shall be divvied out to each agency and entity funded within the [General Appropriations and Budget Act of January-February 2023](#) each day by a ratio of up to but no more than one fifty-ninth of such funds that were appropriated to each agency and entity in the [General Appropriations and Budget Act of January-February 2023](#).
- (c) CUTOFF. — The amounts appropriated each day pursuant to this section shall be made each day from the date of enactment of this act until an appropriations package lasting until the month of May is passed and signed into law by the President.