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To prohibit the use of official funds for travel by Members of Congress during a fiscal year until each of the regular appropriations bills for such fiscal year have been enacted into law, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CUNNINGHAM introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, 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

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 “Funding Deadline En-
5 forcement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITING MEMBER OFFICIAL TRAVEL UNTIL**
2 **ALL APPROPRIATIONS BILLS ENACTED.**

3 (a) PROHIBITION.—If, by the first day of a fiscal
4 year, each of the regular appropriation bills for such fiscal
5 year has not been enacted into law, no appropriated funds,
6 including official funds of the House of Representatives,
7 official funds of the Senate, or funds available under any
8 Federal law, rule, or regulation, may be used to pay for
9 the costs of travel by a Member of Congress until each
10 such bill is enacted into law.

11 (b) EXCEPTIONS.—

12 (1) TRAVEL BY MEMBER TO WASHINGTON MET-
13 ROPOLITAN AREA.—Subsection (a) does not apply
14 with respect to travel by a Member of Congress to
15 the Washington Metropolitan Area.

16 (2) EMERGENCY.—Subsection (a) shall not
17 apply with respect to travel by a Member of Con-
18 gress in response to an emergency, as determined—

19 (A) by the Speaker of the House of Rep-
20 resentatives (with the concurrence of the minor-
21 ity leader of the House of Representatives), in
22 the case of a Representative in, or Delegate or
23 Resident Commissioner to, the Congress; or

24 (B) by the majority leader of the Senate
25 (with the concurrence of the minority leader of
26 the Senate), in the case of a Senator.

1 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

2 (1) the term “Member of Congress” means a
3 Senator or Representative in, or Delegate or Resi-
4 dent Commissioner to, the Congress;

5 (2) the term “regular appropriation bill” means
6 any annual appropriation bill which, with respect to
7 the Congress involved, is under the jurisdiction of a
8 single subcommittee of the Committee on Appropria-
9 tions of the House of Representatives (pursuant to
10 the Rules of the House of Representatives for that
11 Congress) and a single subcommittee of the Com-
12 mittee on Appropriations of the Senate (pursuant to
13 the Standing Rules of the Senate); and

14 (3) the term “Washington Metropolitan Area”
15 means the District of Columbia, the Counties of
16 Montgomery and Prince Georges in Maryland, and
17 the Counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudon, and
18 Prince William and the Cities of Alexandria and
19 Falls Church in Virginia.

20 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall apply with
21 respect to travel taken by a Member of Congress on or
22 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

23 **SEC. 3. RESTRICTIONS ON ADJOURNMENT BY HOUSE.**

24 (a) PROHIBITING ADJOURNMENT FOR MORE THAN
25 12 HOURS; MANDATORY DAILY VOTE ON APPROVAL OF

1 JOURNAL.—Rule XV of the Rules of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives is amended by adding at the end the following
3 new clause:

4 **“Restrictions upon failure to enact regular appro-**
5 **priation bills**

6 “8.(a) If, by the first day of a fiscal year, each of
7 the regular appropriation bills for such fiscal year has not
8 been enacted into law, until each such bill is enacted into
9 law—

10 “(1) it shall not be in order for the House to
11 stand adjourned for a period of more than 12 hours;
12 and

13 “(2) on each legislative day, the Speaker shall
14 call for a recorded vote on the approval of the Jour-
15 nal of the last day’s proceedings.

16 “(b) In this clause, the term ‘regular appropriation
17 bill’ means any annual appropriation bill which is under
18 the jurisdiction of a single subcommittee of the Committee
19 on Appropriations.”.

20 (b) EXERCISE OF RULEMAKING POWERS.—The pro-
21 visions of this section are enacted—

22 (1) as an exercise of the rulemaking power of
23 the House of Representatives, and as such they shall
24 be considered as part of the rules of the House, and

1 such rules shall supersede other rules only to the ex-
2 tent that they are inconsistent therewith; and

3 (2) with full recognition of the constitutional
4 right of the House of Representatives to change
5 such rules (so far as relating to the House) at any
6 time, in the same manner, and to the same extent
7 as in the case of any other rule of the House.

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