

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 2741
OFFERED BY MS. SCHOLTEN OF MICHIGAN**

Page 50, after line 13, insert the following:

1 **TITLE V—PAY OUR COAST**
2 **GUARD PARITY ACT OF 2023**

3 **SECTION 501. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This title may be cited as the “Pay Our Coast Guard
5 Parity Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 502. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) The Coast Guard is a military service and
9 a branch of the Armed Forces of the United States
10 at all times regardless of whether it operates as a
11 service in the Department of Homeland Security or
12 as a service in the Navy.

13 (2) Notwithstanding respective appropriations
14 and except as otherwise provided in law, members of
15 the Coast Guard should receive treatment equitable
16 to that of other members of the Armed Forces with
17 regard to pay and benefits.

1 **SEC. 503. COAST GUARD PAY; CONTINUATION.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 27 of title 14, United
3 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
4 lowing:

5 **“§ 2780. Pay; continuation during lapse in appropria-**
6 **tions**

7 “(a) IN GENERAL.—In the case of any period in
8 which there is a Coast Guard-specific funding lapse, there
9 are appropriated such sums as may be necessary—

10 “(1) to provide pay and allowances to military
11 members of the Coast Guard, including the reserve
12 component thereof, who perform active service or in-
13 active-duty training during such period;

14 “(2) to provide pay and benefits to qualified ci-
15 vilian employees of the Coast Guard;

16 “(3) to provide pay and benefits to qualified
17 contract employees of the Coast Guard; and

18 “(4) to provide for—

19 “(A) the payment of a death gratuity
20 under sections 1475 through 1477 and 1489 of
21 title 10, with respect to members of the Coast
22 Guard;

23 “(B) the payment or reimbursement of au-
24 thorized funeral travel and travel related to the
25 dignified transfer of remains and unit memorial

1 services under section 481f of title 37, with re-
2 spect to members of the Coast Guard; and

3 “(C) the temporary continuation of a basic
4 allowance of housing for dependents of mem-
5 bers of the Coast Guard dying on active duty,
6 as authorized by section 403(1) of title 37.

7 “(b) COAST GUARD-SPECIFIC FUNDING LAPSE.—For
8 purposes of this section, a Coast Guard-specific funding
9 lapse occurs in any case in which—

10 “(1) a general appropriation bill providing ap-
11 propriations for the Coast Guard for a fiscal year is
12 not enacted before the beginning of such fiscal year
13 (and no joint resolution making continuing appro-
14 priations for the Coast Guard is in effect); and

15 “(2) a general appropriation bill providing ap-
16 propriations for the Department of Defense for such
17 fiscal year is enacted before the beginning of such
18 fiscal year (or a joint resolution making continuing
19 appropriations for the Department of Defense is in
20 effect.

21 “(c) TERMINATION.—Appropriations and funds made
22 available and authority granted for any fiscal year for any
23 purpose under subsection (a) shall be available until
24 whichever of the following first occurs:

1 “(1) The enactment into law of an appropria-
2 tion (including a continuing appropriation) for such
3 purpose.

4 “(2) The enactment into law of the applicable
5 regular or continuing appropriations resolution or
6 other Act without any appropriation for such pur-
7 pose.

8 “(3) The termination of availability of appro-
9 priations for the Department of Defense.

10 “(4) The date that is 2 weeks after the begin-
11 ning of the Coast Guard-specific funding lapse.

12 “(d) RATE FOR OPERATIONS; APPLICABILITY TO AP-
13 PROPRIATIONS ACTS.—Appropriations made pursuant to
14 this section shall be at a rate for operations and to the
15 extent and manner that would be provided by the perti-
16 nent appropriations Act.

17 “(e) CHARGE TO FUTURE APPROPRIATIONS.—Ex-
18 penditures made pursuant to this section shall be charged
19 to the applicable appropriation, fund, or authorization
20 whenever a bill in which such applicable appropriation,
21 fund, or authorization is enacted into law.

22 “(f) APPORTIONMENT.—Appropriations and funds
23 made available by or authority granted under this section
24 may be used without regard to the time limitations for
25 submission and approval of apportionments set forth in

1 section 1513 of title 31, but nothing in this section may
2 be construed to waive any other provision of law governing
3 the apportionment of funds.

4 “(g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5 “(1) QUALIFIED CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE.—The
6 term ‘qualified civilian employee’ means a civilian
7 employee of the Coast Guard whom the Com-
8 mandant determines is—

9 “(A) providing support to members of the
10 Coast Guard or another Armed Force; or

11 “(B) performing work as an excepted em-
12 ployee or an employee performing emergency
13 work, as such terms are defined by the Office
14 of Personnel Management.

15 “(2) QUALIFIED CONTRACT EMPLOYEE OF THE
16 COAST GUARD.—The term ‘qualified contract em-
17 ployee of the Coast Guard’ means an individual per-
18 forming work under a contract whom the Com-
19 mandant determines is—

20 “(A) providing support to military mem-
21 bers or qualified civilian employees of the Coast
22 Guard or another Armed Force; or

23 “(B) required to perform work during a
24 lapse in appropriations.”.

1 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
2 ter 27 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by add-
3 ing at the end the following:

“2780. Pay; continuation during lapse in appropriations.”.

