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# H. R. 2842

To provide for interest-free loans for furloughed Federal employees.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LONGLEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Government Reform and Oversight

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## A BILL

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employees.

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. INTEREST-FREE LOANS FOR FURLOUGHED**  
4       **FEDERAL EMPLOYEES.**

5       Notwithstanding any other provision of law, during  
6 any period of lapsed appropriations during which this Act  
7 is enacted, the Secretary of the Treasury shall, in accord-  
8 ance with this section, provide for the issuance of loans  
9 to furloughed Federal employees, free of interest, from  
10 funds otherwise available in the Civil Service Retirement  
11 and Disability Fund or the Thrift Savings Fund. The total

1 amount of such loans which may be issued to any such  
2 furloughed Federal employee as of any date may not ex-  
3 ceed the total amount of basic pay which has not been  
4 paid to such employee, for such period of lapsed appro-  
5 priations, by reason of the lapse in appropriations. The  
6 total amount of any such loan (outstanding with respect  
7 to any such employee as of the termination of such period  
8 of lapsed appropriations) shall be repaid—

9           (1) in the case of any furloughed Federal em-  
10       employee remaining so employed as of the end of the  
11       period of lapsed appropriations, by means of with-  
12       holding by the Secretary of the Treasury from any  
13       payment made to such employee of basic pay re-  
14       maining unpaid for such period of lapsed appropria-  
15       tions and depositing the amount withheld in the  
16       Fund from which the loan was made, or

17           (2) in any other case, by such means as the  
18       Secretary shall provide.

19 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

20       For purposes of this Act—

21           (1) **PERIOD OF LAPSED APPROPRIATIONS.**—The  
22       term “period of lapsed appropriations” means, in  
23       connection with a furloughed Federal employee, any  
24       period during which appropriations are not available  
25       due to the absence of the timely enactment of any

1 Act or joint resolution appropriating funds for the  
2 agency in which that employee is employed.

3 (2) FURLOUGHED FEDERAL EMPLOYEE.—

4 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “furloughed  
5 Federal employee” means an employee of the  
6 Federal Government or the District of Colum-  
7 bia who is not paid for any period because such  
8 period is included in a period of lapsed appro-  
9 priations.

10 (B) EXCLUSION OF POLITICAL AP-  
11 POINTEES.—Such term does not include an in-  
12 dividual who—

13 (i) is employed in a position on the ex-  
14 ecutive schedule under sections 5312  
15 through 5316 of title 5, United States  
16 Code,

17 (ii) is a limited term appointee, lim-  
18 ited emergency appointee, or noncareer ap-  
19 pointee in the senior executive service as  
20 defined under paragraph (5), (6), or (7) of  
21 section 3132(a) of title 5, United States  
22 Code, respectively, or

23 (iii) is employed in a position in the  
24 executive branch of the Government of a  
25 confidential or policy-determining char-

1           acter under Schedule C of subpart C of  
2           part 213 of title 5 of the Code of Federal  
3           Regulations.

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