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To amend title 31, United States Code, to prohibit the inclusion of legislative provisions and nonemergency spending in emergency appropriation laws.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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. PROHIBITION OF LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS
4 AND NONEMERGENCY SPENDING IN EMER-
5 GENCY APPROPRIATION LAWS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter III of chapter 13 of
7 title 31, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
8 end the following new section:

1 **“§ 1354. Prohibition of legislative provisions and non-**
2 **emergency spending in emergency appro-**
3 **priation laws**

4 “(a) IN GENERAL.—If any legislative provision or
5 nonemergency discretionary appropriation is included in
6 an emergency supplemental appropriation law—

7 “(1) the legislative provision shall not take ef-
8 fect, and none of the funds appropriated by any law
9 may be expended or obligated to carry out such pro-
10 vision;

11 “(2) the nonemergency discretionary appropria-
12 tion shall not become available for expenditure or
13 obligation; and

14 “(3) any expenditure or obligation prohibited by
15 paragraph (1) or (2) shall be considered to be a vio-
16 lation of section 1341(a).

17 "(b) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

18 “(1) EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIA-
19 TION LAW.—The term ‘emergency supplemental ap-
20 propriation law’ means a law making supplemental
21 appropriations for a fiscal year, if one or more of
22 such appropriations is designated by the Congress as
23 an emergency requirement pursuant to section
24 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emer-
25 gency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

26 “(2) LEGISLATIVE PROVISION.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘legislative
2 provision’ means any proviso or other provision
3 changing existing law.

4 “(B) EXCEPTION.—Such term shall not in-
5 clude any proviso or other provision that—

6 “(i) designates an amount as an
7 emergency requirement pursuant to section
8 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and
9 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985; or

10 “(ii) restricts the availability of
11 amounts to the extent designated as such
12 an emergency requirement by the Presi-
13 dent in an official budget request or other-
14 wise.

15 “(3) NONEMERGENCY DISCRETIONARY APPRO-
16 PRIATION.—The term ‘nonemergency discretionary
17 appropriation’ means any discretionary appropriation
18 (within the meaning of section 250(e)(7) of the
19 Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control
20 Act of 1985) that is not designated by the Congress
21 as an emergency requirement pursuant to section
22 251(b)(2)(A) of such Act.”.

23 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
24 tions for chapter 13 of title 31, United States Code, is

1 amended by inserting after the item relating to section
2 1353 the following new item:

“1354. Prohibition of legislative provisions and nonemergency spending in emergency appropriation laws.”.

3 (c) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by this
4 section shall apply to any appropriation law enacted after
5 the date of the enactment of this Act.

