



## Legislative Bulletin.....October 5, 2013

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H.Con.Res \_\_\_\_ – Military Chaplains (Rep. Collins, R-GA)

H.R. 3223 – Federal Employee Retroactive Pay Fairness Act (Rep. Moran, D-VA)

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**Order of Business:** These bills are scheduled to be considered on Saturday, October 5. H.Con.Res. \_\_\_\_ (Military Chaplains) will be considered under suspension of the rules. H.R. 3223 will be considered under a closed rule ([H.Res. 371](#))

**Summary:** Both bills take up issues related to the government slowdown. To see an RSC timeline of the legislation related to the government slowdown, click [here](#).

1) [H. Con. Res. \\_\\_\\_\\_](#) (Rep. Collins, R-GA) – This concurrent resolution expresses the sense of Congress regarding the need for the continued availability of religious services to members of the Armed Forces and their families during a lapse in appropriations. This resolution addresses the issue of chaplains who have been furloughed and have been told they could be subjected to disciplinary action for holding religious services for members of the Armed Forces while furloughed (see a news story on the subject [here](#)).

2) [H.R. 3223](#) (Rep. Moran, D-VA) – Federal Employee Retroactive Pay Fairness Act (Rep. Moran, D-VA): This bill allows furloughed Federal employees to be compensated at their standard rate of compensation as soon as practicable after the lapse in appropriations is over.

This bill preemptively assures federal workers who have been furloughed due to the government slowdown that they will be paid for missed work due to the lapse in appropriations. Without this action, only federal workers who are not furloughed (deemed “essential” or “excepted”) would receive pay for the slowdown period.

Similar action was taken *after* the 1995/1996 government slowdown. CBO estimates no cost for this bill because any spending is contingent on future appropriations.

**Administration Position:** The Administration issued a statement of support for H.R. 3223. At press time no statement of Administration policy was available for the military chaplain concurrent resolution.

**Outside Organizations:** At press time no outside group positions were available.

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