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To ensure that payments during fiscal year 1996 of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and payments of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of such veterans are made regardless of Government financial shortfalls.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HUTCHINSON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. ENSURED PAYMENT DURING FISCAL YEAR 1996**
2 **OF VETERANS' COMPENSATION AND DEPEND-**
3 **ENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION IN**
4 **EVENT OF LACK OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

5 (a) PAYMENTS REQUIRED.—In any case during fiscal
6 year 1996 in which appropriations are not otherwise avail-
7 able for payment of compensation and dependency and in-
8 demnity compensation, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs
9 shall nevertheless ensure that payments of compensation
10 and dependency and indemnity compensation are made in
11 accordance with regular procedures and schedules, and
12 there is hereby appropriated such sums as may be nec-
13 essary for that purpose.

14 (b) CHARGING OF ACCOUNTS WHEN APPROPRIA-
15 TIONS MADE.—In any case in which the Secretary uses
16 the authority of subsection (a) to make payments of com-
17 pensation and dependency and indemnity compensation,
18 applicable accounts shall be charged for amounts so paid,
19 and for the costs of administration of such payments,
20 when regular appropriations become available for those
21 purposes.

1 **SEC. 2. ENSURED PAYMENT DURING FISCAL YEAR 1996 OF**
2 **VETERANS' COMPENSATION AND DEPEND-**
3 **ENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION IN**
4 **EVENT DEBT CEILING LIMIT IS REACHED.**

5 In any case during fiscal year 1996 in which certain
6 functions of the Government are delayed, deferred, or can-
7 celed due to a limitation on the ability of the Government
8 to borrow funds, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall
9 nevertheless ensure that payments of compensation and
10 dependency and indemnity compensation are made in ac-
11 cordance with regular procedures and schedules, and re-
12 ceipts and disbursements of the Government shall be man-
13 aged so as to ensure that the requirement imposed by this
14 section on the Secretary is complied with.

15 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

16 For purposes of this Act, the terms "compensation"
17 and "dependency and indemnity compensation" have the
18 meanings given those terms in section 101 of title 38,
19 United States Code.

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