

AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_ Calendar No. \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose: To provide flexibility to agencies on determining what employees are essential personnel in implementing the sequester.

**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—113th Cong., 1st Sess.**

**H. R. 933**

Referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_ and  
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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. BLUNT to  
the amendment (No. \_\_\_\_\_) proposed by Ms. MIKULSKI

Viz:

1       At the end of division G, insert the following:

2   **SEC. \_\_\_\_ . ESSENTIAL SERVICES ACT OF 2013.**

3       (a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the  
4   “Essential Services Act of 2013”.

5       (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

6           (1) the term “agency” means an Executive  
7   agency (as defined in section 105 of title 5, United  
8   States Code); and

9           (2) the term “essential employee” means an  
10   employee that performs work involving the safety of

1 human life or the protection of property, as deter-  
2 mined by the head of the agency.

3 (c) FURLOUGH FLEXIBILITY.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—In implementing the seques-  
5 ter required by section 251A of the Balanced Budg-  
6 et and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as  
7 ordered on March 1, 2013, the head of an agency  
8 may furlough such employees of the agency as are  
9 required to achieve the funding reduction required  
10 by the sequester for the agency, but shall exempt es-  
11 sential employees.

12 (2) TRANSFER OF BUDGETARY RESOURCES.—

13 The head of an agency may transfer budgetary re-  
14 sources within their agency to carry out paragraph  
15 (1), subject to the limitation that transfers may only  
16 be made to maintain essential employees.