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To amend title 28, United States Code, to reform the process for payment of certain compromise settlements, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LARSON of Connecticut (for himself, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Ms. CHU, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. GOMEZ, Ms. NORTON, Ms. JACOBS, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. POCAN, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. LICCARDO, Mr. CISNEROS, and Mr. CARSON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “_____ Act
5 of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON CERTAIN PAYMENTS.**

7 Section 2414 of title 28, United States Code, is
8 amended to read as follows:

1 **“§ 2414. Payment of judgments and compromise set-**
2 **tlements**

3 “(a) Except as provided by chapter 71 of title 41,
4 payment of final judgments rendered by a district court
5 or the Court of International Trade against the United
6 States shall be made on settlements by the Secretary of
7 the Treasury. Payment of final judgments rendered by a
8 State or foreign court or tribunal against the United
9 States, or against its agencies or officials upon obligations
10 or liabilities of the United States, shall be made on settle-
11 ments by the Secretary of the Treasury after certification
12 by the Attorney General that it is in the interest of the
13 United States to pay the same.

14 “(b) Whenever the Attorney General determines that
15 no appeal shall be taken from a judgment or that no fur-
16 ther review will be sought from a decision affirming the
17 same, he shall so certify and the judgment shall be deemed
18 final.

19 “(c) Except as otherwise provided by law, and subject
20 to enactment of a resolution in the case of a covered settle-
21 ment, compromise settlements of claims referred to the
22 Attorney General for defense of imminent litigation or
23 suits against the United States, or against its agencies or
24 officials upon obligations or liabilities of the United
25 States, made by the Attorney General or any person au-
26 thorized by him, shall be settled and paid in a manner

1 similar to judgments in like causes and appropriations or
2 funds available for the payment of such judgments are
3 hereby made available for the payment of such com-
4 promise settlements.

5 “(d) The Attorney General shall expeditiously submit
6 a report, bearing an identification number, setting forth
7 the terms of a covered settlement to both Houses of Con-
8 gress on the same day and to each House while it is in
9 session.

10 “(e) No proposal for a covered settlement may be
11 considered approved unless during the period beginning on
12 the date on which the report under subsection (d) is re-
13 ceived by Congress and ending 60 days thereafter a resolu-
14 tion described in subsection (f) is enacted.

15 “(f) For the purpose of this section, the term ‘resolu-
16 tion’ means only a joint resolution of the Congress, the
17 matter after the resolving clause of which is as follows:
18 ‘That the_____ approves the covered settlement num-
19 bered_____submitted to the Congress on_____’, the
20 first blank space therein being filled with the name of the
21 resolving House and the other blank spaces being appro-
22 priately filled.

23 “(g) In this section, the term ‘covered settlement’
24 means any compromise settlement for defense of imminent
25 litigation or suit by the President or a former President

1 against the United States, or against its agencies or offi-
2 cials upon obligations or liabilities of the United States.”.

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