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117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To prohibit payment of administrative funding to States with a high backlog
of unprocessed unemployment claims, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. HARDER of California introduced the following bill; which was referred
to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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with a high backlog of unprocessed unemployment
claims, and for other purposes.

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 “Fix the Unemployment
5 Backlogs Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON PAYMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE**
2 **FUNDING TO STATES WITH HIGH BACKLOG**
3 **OF UNPROCESSED UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—In the case of any State in which
5 the Secretary of Labor determines, as of the date of enact-
6 ment of this Act, that the number of unprocessed unem-
7 ployment claims in the State is in excess of 45,000, the
8 Secretary of Labor shall make no certification for payment
9 of amounts for unemployment compensation administra-
10 tion under section 302 of the Social Security Act to such
11 State at any time following the date that is 180 days after
12 the date of enactment of this Act unless the Secretary de-
13 termines at such time that the number of unprocessed un-
14 employment claims in the State has been reduced to zero.

15 (b) DEFINITION OF UNPROCESSED UNEMPLOYMENT
16 CLAIM.—For purposes of subsection (a), the term “un-
17 processed unemployment claim” means, with respect to a
18 State, a claim for unemployment compensation filed in the
19 State for which a determination of initial eligibility has
20 not been made within 21 days of the date of filing.