

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA**

IN THE MATTER OF

POSSIBLE LAPSES IN

FUNDING APPROPRIATIONS

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STANDING ORDER NO. 25

ORDER

In anticipation of a lapse in funding for the judiciary it is ORDERED, pursuant to the Order of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, and its Directives for Operating the United States Courts in the absence of appropriations, the following local guidelines are implemented in this District.

This Court will continue all necessary operations and services necessary to maintain and support the continuing exercise of the judicial power of the United States under Article III of the Constitution of the United States. It is the finding of this Court that all existing personnel are necessary to support and maintain the exercise of judicial functions in this court, and to secure and preserve the records of this court. It is therefore ORDERED that all supporting staff, including all chambers staff, all clerk's office staff, all Probation Office staff, and all Pretrial Services Office staff shall report for duty as normally scheduled, and that all operations continue during any short term lapse in funding. In the event of an extended lapse in appropriation, the level of necessary staff and operations will be reviewed on a periodic basis and may be subject to further order. In the event it is determined that operations are to be curtailed and a percentage of staff furloughed, furloughs will be rotated amongst staff on a proportionate basis. For example: If an operations and staffing level of 50% is deemed appropriate, 50% of all staff will be selected as randomly as possible (while still maintaining coverage in all areas) and furloughed on the first day of the reductions in operation. On the following day the remaining 50% will be furloughed and the original 50% reinstated. This formula will continue in application for the duration of the reduction in operations.

During any funding lapse, no new obligations will be incurred such as the hiring of new personnel, the acquisition of furniture or equipment or travel except as such new obligations are essential to support and maintain the continuing exercise of the judicial power of this court. The determination is to be made by the judges of this court, or in an emergency by the Chief Judge.

A copy of this Order will be sent to the local field office for the General Services Administration,

and the United States Marshal's Service. The clerk will also inform the media of the Court's continued operations.

DONE AND ORDERED this 11th day of October, 1995.

/s/
CHARLES R. BUTLER, JR.
CHIEF JUDGE, U.S. DISTRICT COURT

/s/
RICHARD W. VOLLMER, JR.
U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE

/s/
ALEX T. HOWARD, JR.
U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE

/s/
DANIEL H. THOMAS
SENIOR U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE

/s/
VIRGIL PITTMAN
SENIOR U.S. DISTRICT COURT

/s/
WILLIAM BREVARD HAND
SENIOR U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE