

Union Calendar No. 701

118TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 115

[Report No. 118–862, Part I]

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 9, 2023

Mr. BIGGS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

DECEMBER 11, 2024

Additional sponsors: Ms. HAGEMAN, Mr. OGLES, Mr. PERRY, Mr. BRECHEEN, and Mr. MOORE of Utah

DECEMBER 11, 2024

Reported from the Committee on the Judiciary with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

DECEMBER 11, 2024

Committee on Rules discharged; committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on January 9, 2023]

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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 “Midnight Rules Relief*
5 *Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. EN BLOC CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS OF**
7 **DISAPPROVAL PERTAINING TO “MIDNIGHT**
8 **RULES”.**

9 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 801(d) of title 5, United*
10 *States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:*

11 *“(4) In applying section 802 to rules described under*
12 *paragraph (1), a joint resolution of disapproval may con-*
13 *tain one or more such rules if the report under subsection*
14 *(a)(1)(A) for each such rule was submitted during the final*
15 *year of a President’s term.”.*

16 *(b) TEXT OF RESOLVING CLAUSE.—Section 802(a) of*
17 *title 5, United States Code, is amended—*

18 *(1) by inserting after “resolving clause of which*
19 *is” the following: “(except as otherwise provided in*
20 *this subsection)”;* and

21 *(2) by adding at the end the following: “In the*
22 *case of a joint resolution under section 801(d)(4), the*
23 *matter after the resolving clause of such resolution*
24 *shall be as follows: ‘That Congress disapproves the fol-*
25 *lowing rules: the rule submitted by the ____ relating*

1 to ____; and the rule submitted by the ____ relating
2 to _____. Such rules shall have no force or effect.’ (The
3 blank spaces being appropriately filled in and addi-
4 tional clauses describing additional rules to be in-
5 cluded as necessary).”.

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