

Union Calendar No. 610

114TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 5982

[Report No. 114-782, Part I]

To amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide for en bloc consideration in resolutions of disapproval for “midnight rules”, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 9, 2016

Mr. ISSA (for himself, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. MARINO, Mr. COLLINS of Georgia, Mr. BISHOP of Michigan, and Mr. PETERSON) 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

SEPTEMBER 21, 2016

Additional sponsors: Mr. WALBERG and Mr. JORDAN

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Reported from the Committee on the Judiciary

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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 of 2016”.

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 fol-
11 lowing:

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

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

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

22 (2) by adding at the end the following: “In the
23 case of a joint resolution under section 801(d)(4),
24 the matter after the resolving clause of such resolu-
25 tion shall be as follows: ‘That Congress disapproves

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

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