

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 21

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and
Governmental Affairs

AN ACT

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.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Midnight Rules Relief
3 Act of 2017”.

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

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 801(d) of title 5, United
8 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
9 lowing:

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

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

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

20 (2) by adding at the end the following: “In the
21 case of a joint resolution under section 801(d)(4),
22 the matter after the resolving clause of such resolu-
23 tion shall be as follows: ‘That Congress disapproves
24 the following rules: the rule submitted by the ____
25 relating to ____; and the rule submitted by the ____
26 relating to _____. Such rules shall have no force or

1 effect.’ (The blank spaces being appropriately filled
2 in and additional clauses describing additional rules
3 to be included as necessary)’.

Passed the House of Representatives January 4,
2017.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

Clerk.