

114TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. _____

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 SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

_____ introduced the following bill; which was read twice
and referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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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”.

1 **SEC. 2. EN BLOC CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS OF**
2 **DISAPPROVAL PERTAINING TO “MIDNIGHT**
3 **RULES”.**

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

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

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

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

17 (2) by adding at the end the following: “In the
18 case of a joint resolution under section 801(d)(4),
19 the matter after the resolving clause of such resolu-
20 tion shall be as follows: ‘That Congress disapproves
21 the following rules: the rule submitted by the ____
22 relating to ____; and the rule submitted by the ____
23 relating to _____. Such rules shall have no force or
24 effect.’ (The blank spaces being appropriately filled
25 in and additional clauses describing additional rules
26 to be included as necessary).”.