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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 2, 1998

Mr. LEAHY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred
to the Committee on Rules and Administration

A BILL

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nominations in certain circumstances.

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 “Judicial Emergency
5 Responsibility Act of 1998”.

6 **SEC. 2. RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SENATE DURING A JUDI-**
7 **CIAL EMERGENCY.**

8 Section 46 of title 28, United States Code, is amend-
9 ed by adding at the end the following:

1 “(e) ACTION BY SENATE REQUIRED.—The Senate
2 shall not recess during a session for more than 9 days
3 without first voting on a judicial nomination in any case
4 in which—

5 “(1) the nomination to fill the judiciary vacancy
6 in the affected circuit court has been pending before
7 the Senate for a period of 60 days or longer; and

8 “(2) a judicial emergency is declared pursuant
9 to subsection (b) due to vacancies on the affected
10 circuit court.”.

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