

116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. RES. 1086

Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to prohibit the consideration of legislation in the House unless the text of the legislation which will be considered has been made publicly available in electronic form for a mandatory minimum review period.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 18, 2020

Mr. CLINE (for himself and Mr. PHILLIPS) submitted the following resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on Rules

RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

3 This resolution may be cited as the “48-Hour Bill

4 Review Resolution”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITING CONSIDERATION OF TEXT OF LEGIS-**
2 **LATION UNTIL COMPLETION OF MANDATORY**
3 **MINIMUM REVIEW PERIOD.**

4 Rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representa-
5 tives is amended by adding at the end the following new
6 clause:

7 “13.(a) It shall not be in order to consider a bill, joint
8 resolution, resolution, or conference report unless the text
9 to be considered of the bill, joint resolution, resolution, or
10 conference report has been publicly available in electronic
11 form for the mandatory minimum review period.

12 “(b) The application of paragraph (a) to a bill, joint
13 resolution, resolution, or conference report may not be
14 waived other than by a resolution approved by the House
15 which consists solely of the following text: ‘That clause
16 13(a) of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Represent-
17 atives shall not apply to _____’, with the blank
18 space filled in with the number of the bill, joint resolution,
19 resolution, or conference report involved.

20 “(c) In this clause, the ‘mandatory minimum review
21 period’ with respect to a bill, joint resolution, resolution,
22 or conference report is the 48-hour period which begins
23 when the text to be considered of the bill, joint resolution,
24 resolution, or conference report is first made publicly
25 available in electronic form.”.