H. R. 2805

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 4, 1997

Ms. Lofgren (for herself, Mr. Lantos, Mr. McGovern, Mrs. Mink of Hawaii, and Mr. Miller of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Oversight

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 "National Election Fair-
- 5 ness Act".

| 1 | SEC. 2. PROHIBITING RELEASE OF PRESIDENTIAL ELEC- |
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| 2 | TION RESULTS PRIOR TO POLL CLOSINGS IN |
| 3 | ANY STATE. |
| 4 | The Secretary of State (or other appropriate State |
| 5 | or local election official) of any State may not release any |
| 6 | results of a general election held in the State for electors |
| 7 | for the President and Vice President of the United States |
| 8 | at any time prior to the closing of the polls for such elec- |
| 9 | tion in all States (other than Alaska and Hawaii). |

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