

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. RES. 862

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

APRIL 27, 2018

Mr. GARRETT (for himself, Mr. POLIS, and Mr. BUCK) 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 “Review Every
4 Act Diligently in Total Resolution” or the “READ IT
5 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 of the bill, joint resolution, resolution, or conference report
10 which will be considered has been publicly available in elec-
11 tronic 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 period—

23 “(1) which begins with the first hour beginning
24 after the text of the bill, joint resolution, resolution,
25 or conference report which will be considered is first
26 made publicly available in electronic form; and

1 “(2) which consists of a number of minutes
2 equal to two times the number of pages of the text
3 of the bill, joint resolution, resolution, or conference
4 report which will be considered.”.

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