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H. R. 1059

To ensure timely completion of the concurrent resolution on the budget and regular appropriation bills, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

February 7, 2019

Mr. Arrington (for himself, Mr. Womack, Mr. Norman, Mr. Flores, Mr. Timmons, Mr. Johnson of Ohio, Mr. Kevin Hern of Oklahoma, Mr. Crenshaw, Mr. Meuser, Mr. Burchett, Mr. Holding, Mr. Stewart, Ms. Finkenauer, and Mrs. Axne) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Rules, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To ensure timely completion of the concurrent resolution on the budget and regular appropriation bills, and for other purposes.

- 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 "No Budget, No Recess
- 5 Act".

SEC. 2. FAILURE TO COMPLETE CERTAIN BUDGETARY AC-

- 2 TIONS BY A DATE CERTAIN.
- 3 Section 303 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974
- 4 (2 U.S.C. 634) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
- 5 lowing new subsection:
- 6 "(d) Failure To Adopt Concurrent Resolution
- 7 ON THE BUDGET BY A DATE CERTAIN.—(1) If by April
- 8 15 of each calendar year, the House of Representatives
- 9 and the Senate have not adopted a concurrent resolution
- 10 on the budget as required by section 301(a) of the Con-
- 11 gressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974,
- 12 beginning on the next calendar day, and on every other
- 13 calendar day thereafter until adoption of a concurrent res-
- 14 olution on the budget, Members shall record their presence
- 15 by electronic device for purposes of establishing a quorum.
- 16 In the House of Representatives, during the period de-
- 17 scribed in this subsection, a motion to adjourn to a day
- 18 and time certain offered pursuant to clause 4(c)(1)(B) of
- 19 rule XVI of the Rules of the House of Representatives
- 20 may not require the House to stand adjourned for more
- 21 than one calendar day.
- 22 "(2) For the purposes of this subsection, a 'calendar
- 23 day' shall exclude Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holi-
- 24 days.".

1 SEC. 3. COMPLETION OF HOUSE ACTION ON REGULAR AP-

- 2 **PROPRIATION BILLS.**
- 3 (a) Recesses.—Section 309 of the Congressional
- 4 Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 640) is amended by insert-
- 5 ing "(a) Recesses.—" after 309. and by inserting "or
- 6 August" after "July".
- 7 (b) Passage of General Appropriation Bills.—
- 8 Section 309 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (2)
- 9 U.S.C. 640) (as amended by subsection (a)) is further
- 10 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
- 11 section:
- 12 "(b) Passage of General Appropriation
- 13 Bills.—(1) If by the last day of each fiscal year, the
- 14 House of Representatives and the Senate have not passed
- 15 each of the general appropriation bills, individually or a
- 16 combination thereof, beginning on the next calendar day,
- 17 and on every other calendar day thereafter until the pas-
- 18 sage of all general appropriation bills, individually or a
- 19 combination thereof, Members shall record their presence
- 20 by electronic device for purposes of establishing a quorum.
- 21 In the House of Representatives, during the period de-
- 22 scribed in this subsection, a motion to adjourn to a day
- 23 and time certain offered pursuant to clause 4(c)(1)(B) of
- 24 rule XVI may not require the House to stand adjourned
- 25 for more than one calendar day.

- 1 "(2) For the purposes of this subsection, a 'calendar
- 2 day' shall exclude Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holi-

3 days.".

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