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to be made publicly available, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 17, 2020

Mr. BEYER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on Oversight and Reform

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 “Transparent Leader-
5 ship Act of 2020”.

6 **SEC. 2. PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF SPEECHES AND SCHED-**
7 **ULES OF HEADS OF EXECUTIVE AGENCIES.**

8 (a) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF SPEECHES.—

9 (1) SPEECHES GIVEN DURING COVERED PE-
10 RIOD.—With respect to a speech given by the head

1 of an executive agency during the covered period, a
2 copy of such speech shall be publicly available not
3 later than 6 months after the date of the enactment
4 of this Act.

5 (2) SPEECHES GIVEN AFTER DATE OF ENACT-
6 MENT.—With respect to a speech given by the head
7 of an executive agency after the date of the enact-
8 ment of this Act, a copy of such speech shall be pub-
9 licly available not later than 30 days after the date
10 on which such speech is given.

11 (b) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF SCHEDULES.—

12 (1) SCHEDULES FOR DATE DURING COVERED
13 PERIOD.—With respect to a schedule of the head of
14 an executive agency for a date occurring during the
15 covered period, a copy of such schedule shall be pub-
16 licly published not later than 6 months after the
17 date of the enactment of this Act.

18 (2) SCHEDULES FOR DATE AFTER DATE OF EN-
19 ACTMENT.—With respect to a schedule of the head
20 of an executive agency for a date occurring after the
21 date of the enactment of this Act, a copy of such
22 schedule shall be publicly published not later than
23 30 days after such date.

24 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

1 (1) COVERED PERIOD.—The term “covered pe-
2 riod” means the period beginning on January 20,
3 2017 and ending on the date of the enactment of
4 this Act.

5 (2) EXECUTIVE AGENCY.—The term “executive
6 agency” means an agency, department, or instru-
7 mentality in the executive branch of the Federal
8 Government.

9 (3) HEAD OF AN EXECUTIVE AGENCY.—The
10 term “head of an executive agency” includes, with
11 respect to the United States Postal Service, the
12 Postmaster General and the Deputy Postmaster
13 General.

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