

HR 115

Midnight Rules Relief Act

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

Introduced: Jan 9, 2023

Current Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Government

Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. (Dec 18, 2024)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Biggs, Andy [R-AZ-5]

Party: Republican • **State:** AZ • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Hageman, Harriet M. [R-WY-At Large]	R · WY		May 31, 2024
Rep. Brecheen, Josh [R-OK-2]	R · OK		Jun 25, 2024
Rep. Ogles, Andrew [R-TN-5]	R · TN		Jun 25, 2024
Rep. Perry, Scott [R-PA-10]	R · PA		Jun 25, 2024
Rep. Moore, Blake D. [R-UT-1]	R · UT		Sep 27, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Dec 18, 2024
Judiciary Committee	House	Unknown	Dec 17, 2024
Rules Committee	House	Discharged From	Dec 11, 2024

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HRES 1616	Procedurally related	Dec 17, 2024: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
118 S 4485	Related bill	Jun 5, 2024: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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This bill allows Congress to disapprove multiple regulations under one joint resolution of disapproval if the regulations were submitted for review during a portion of the final year of a President's term.

Under current law, the Congressional Review Act generally provides for a period of additional review during the succeeding Congress for regulations that were submitted during the last 60 legislative days of the prior Congress. However, each joint resolution may disapprove of only one regulation.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 18, 2024:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **Dec 17, 2024:** Rule H. Res. 1616 passed House.
- **Dec 17, 2024:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 1616. (consideration: CR H7253-7259)
- **Dec 17, 2024:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 115 with 1 hour of general debate. Motion to recommit allowed. Bill is closed to amendments.
- **Dec 17, 2024:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on H.R. 115.
- **Dec 17, 2024:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.
- **Dec 17, 2024:** Mrs. Ramirez moved to recommit to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text: CR H7258)
- **Dec 17, 2024:** The previous question on the motion to recommit was ordered pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XIX.
- **Dec 17, 2024:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on H.R. 115, the Chair put the question on the motion to recommit and by voice vote, announced that the ayes had prevailed. Mr. Biggs demanded the yeas and nays and the Chair postponed further proceedings until a time to be announced.
- **Dec 17, 2024:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H7272-7274)
- **Dec 17, 2024:** On motion to recommit Failed by the Yeas and Nays: 198 - 211 (Roll no. 508).
- **Dec 17, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 210 - 201 (Roll no. 509). (text: CR H7253)
- **Dec 17, 2024:** On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 210 - 201 (Roll no. 509). (text: CR H7253)
- **Dec 17, 2024:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 16, 2024:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 1616 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 115 with 1 hour of general debate. Motion to recommit allowed. Bill is closed to amendments.
- **Dec 11, 2024:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 118-862, Part I.
- **Dec 11, 2024:** Committee on Rules discharged.
- **Dec 11, 2024:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 701.
- **Sep 19, 2024:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
- **Sep 19, 2024:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 14 - 10.
- **Jan 9, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 9, 2023:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, 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.