

Union Calendar No. 396

119TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 5183

[Report No. 119–463, Part I]

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GOSAR (for himself, Mr. COMER, and Ms. HAGEMAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, 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

JANUARY 27, 2026

Additional sponsor: Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana

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[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

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Committee on Rules discharged; committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on September 8, 2025]

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 “District of Columbia*
 5 *Home Rule Improvement Act of 2025”.*

6 **SEC. 2. UNIFORM 60-DAY CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW PERIOD**
 7 **FOR DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA LAWS.**

8 *(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF 60-DAY PERIOD; CLARIFICA-*
 9 *TION OF BEGINNING OF PERIOD AND DAYS EXCLUDED.—*
 10 *Section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule*
 11 *Act (sec. 1–206.02(c)(1), D.C. Official Code) is amended—*

12 *(1) by striking “the 30-calendar-day period (ex-*
 13 *cluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, and any*
 14 *day on which neither House is in session because of*
 15 *an adjournment sine die, a recess of more than three*
 16 *days, or an adjournment of more than three days) be-*
 17 *ginning on the day such act is transmitted by the*
 18 *Chairman to the Speaker of the House of Representa-*
 19 *tives and the President of the Senate” and inserting*
 20 *the following: “the 60-day period (excluding days ei-*
 21 *ther House of Congress is adjourned for more than 3*
 22 *days during a session of Congress) beginning on the*
 23 *later of the day such act is transmitted by the Chair-*
 24 *man to the Speaker of the House of Representatives*

1 *or the day such act is transmitted by the Chairman*
 2 *to the President of the Senate”; and*

3 *(2) by striking “such 30-day period” each place*
 4 *it appears and inserting “such 60-day period”.*

5 *(b) ELIMINATION OF ALTERNATIVE PERIOD FOR ACTS*
 6 *AFFECTING CRIMINAL LAWS.—Section 602(c) of such Act*
 7 *(sec. 1–206.02(c), D.C. Official Code) is amended—*

8 *(1) by striking paragraph (2); and*

9 *(2) by redesignating paragraph (3) as para-*
 10 *graph (2).*

11 *(c) SPECIAL RULE FOR ACTS DESIGNATED BY COUN-*
 12 *CIL AS INVOLVING EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES.—*

13 *(1) NO RENEWAL OF WAIVER OF REVIEW FOR*
 14 *SUCCEEDING ACTS.—Section 602(c) of such Act (sec.*
 15 *1–206.02(c), D.C. Official Code), as amended by sub-*
 16 *section (b), is amended by adding at the end the fol-*
 17 *lowing new paragraph:*

18 *“(3) If an Act is exempt from the requirements of*
 19 *paragraph (1) because of a determination by the Council*
 20 *under section 412(a) that the Act should take effect imme-*
 21 *diately because of emergency circumstances, an Act of the*
 22 *Council to extend the period during which such Act is effec-*
 23 *tive, or any Act of the Council which is substantially the*
 24 *same as such Act, shall not be exempt from the requirements*
 25 *of paragraph (1).”.*

1 (2) *CONFORMING AMENDMENT.*—Section 412(a)
 2 of such Act (sec. 1–204.12(a), D.C. Official Code) is
 3 amended by striking “ninety days” and inserting
 4 “ninety days, subject to section 602(c)(3)”.

5 **SEC. 3. CLARIFICATION OF EXPEDITED PROCEDURES AP-**
 6 **PLICABLE TO CONSIDERATION OF RESOLU-**
 7 **TIONS OF DISAPPROVAL.**

8 (a) *APPLICATION OF ALL PROCEDURES TO ALL RESO-*
 9 *LUTIONS OF DISAPPROVAL.*—The fourth sentence of section
 10 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act (sec.
 11 1–206.02(c)(1), D.C. Official Code) is amended by striking
 12 “section 604, except subsections (d), (e), and (f) of such sec-
 13 *tion,” and inserting “section 604”.*

14 (b) *CLARIFICATION OF PROCEDURES.*—Section 604 of
 15 such Act (sec. 1–206.04, D.C. Official Code) is amended by
 16 striking subsections (c) through (j) and inserting the fol-
 17 lowing:

18 “(c) *REFERRAL TO COMMITTEES.*—A resolution with
 19 respect to Council action shall be referred to the Committee
 20 on Oversight and Government Reform of the House of Rep-
 21 resentatives, or the Committee on Homeland Security and
 22 Governmental Affairs of the Senate, by the President of the
 23 Senate or the Speaker of the House of Representatives, as
 24 the case may be.

1 “(d) *PROCEDURES IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTA-*
2 *TIVES.—(1) In the House of Representatives, if the com-*
3 *mittee to which a resolution has been referred has not re-*
4 *ported it at the end of twenty calendar days after its intro-*
5 *duction, it is in order to move to discharge the committee*
6 *from further consideration of any other resolution with re-*
7 *spect to the same Council action which has been referred*
8 *to the committee.*

9 “(2) *In the House, a motion to discharge may be made*
10 *only by an individual favoring the resolution, is highly*
11 *privileged (except that it may not be made after the com-*
12 *mittee has reported a resolution with respect to the same*
13 *action), and debate thereon shall be limited to not more*
14 *than one hour, to be divided equally between those favoring*
15 *and those opposing the resolution. An amendment to the*
16 *motion is not in order, and it is not in order to move to*
17 *reconsider the vote by which the motion is agreed to or dis-*
18 *agreed to.*

19 “(3) *In the House, if the motion to discharge is agreed*
20 *to or disagreed to, the motion may not be renewed, nor may*
21 *another motion to discharge the committee be made with*
22 *respect to any other resolution with respect to the same ac-*
23 *tion.*

24 “(4) *In the House, when the committee has reported,*
25 *or has been discharged from further consideration of, a reso-*

1 lution, it is at any time thereafter in order (even though
 2 a previous motion to the same effect has been disagreed to)
 3 to move to proceed to the consideration of the resolution.
 4 The motion is highly privileged and is not debatable. An
 5 amendment to the motion is not in order, and it is not
 6 in order to move to reconsider the vote by which the motion
 7 is agreed to or disagreed to.

8 “(5) In the House, debate on the resolution shall be
 9 limited to not more than one hour, which shall be divided
 10 equally between those favoring and those opposing the reso-
 11 lution. A motion further to limit debate is not debatable.
 12 An amendment to, or motion to recommit, the resolution
 13 is not in order, and it is not in order to move to reconsider
 14 the vote by which the resolution is agreed to or disagreed
 15 to.

16 “(6) In the House, motions to postpone made with re-
 17 spect to the discharge from committee or the consideration
 18 of a resolution, and motions to proceed to the consideration
 19 of other business, shall be decided without debate.

20 “(7) In the House, appeals from the decisions of the
 21 Chair relating to the application of the Rules of the House
 22 of Representatives to the procedure relating to a resolution
 23 shall be decided without debate.

24 “(e) PROCEDURES IN SENATE.—(1) In the Senate, if
 25 the committee to which is referred a resolution described

1 *in subsection (b) has not reported such joint resolution (or*
2 *an identical joint resolution) at the end of 20 calendar days*
3 *after its introduction, such committee may be discharged*
4 *from further consideration of such joint resolution upon a*
5 *written demand by any Member of the Senate, and such*
6 *joint resolution shall be placed on the calendar.*

7 “(2)(A) *In the Senate, when the committee to which*
8 *a resolution is referred has reported, or when a committee*
9 *is discharged (under paragraph (1)) from further consider-*
10 *ation of a resolution described in subsection (b), it is at*
11 *any time thereafter in order (even though a previous motion*
12 *to the same effect has been disagreed to) for a motion to*
13 *proceed to the consideration of the resolution, and all points*
14 *of order against the resolution (and against consideration*
15 *of the resolution) are waived. The motion is not subject to*
16 *amendment, or to a motion to postpone, or to a motion*
17 *to proceed to the consideration of other business. A motion*
18 *to reconsider the vote by which the motion is agreed to or*
19 *disagreed to shall not be in order. If a motion to proceed*
20 *to the consideration of the resolution is agreed to, the resolu-*
21 *tion shall remain the unfinished business of the Senate until*
22 *disposed of.*

23 “(B) *In the Senate, debate on the resolution, and on*
24 *all debatable motions and appeals in connection therewith,*
25 *shall be limited to not more than 10 hours, which shall be*

1 *divided equally between those favoring and those opposing*
 2 *the resolution. A motion further to limit debate is in order*
 3 *and not debatable. An amendment to, or a motion to post-*
 4 *pone, or a motion to proceed to the consideration of other*
 5 *business, or a motion to recommit the resolution is not in*
 6 *order.*

7 “(C) *In the Senate, immediately following the conclu-*
 8 *sion of the debate on a resolution described in subsection*
 9 *(b), and a single quorum call at the conclusion of the debate*
 10 *if requested in accordance with the rules of the Senate, the*
 11 *vote on final passage of the resolution shall occur.*

12 “(D) *Appeals from the decisions of the Chair relating*
 13 *to the application of the rules of the Senate to the procedure*
 14 *relating to a resolution described in subsection (a) shall be*
 15 *decided without debate.*

16 “(3) *In the Senate the procedure specified in para-*
 17 *graph (1) or (2) shall not apply to the consideration of a*
 18 *resolution after the expiration of the 60 session days begin-*
 19 *ning with the date of the introduction of the joint resolution.*

20 “(f) *COORDINATION BETWEEN HOUSES.—If, before the*
 21 *passage by one House of a resolution of that House de-*
 22 *scribed in subsection (b), that House receives from the other*
 23 *House a resolution described in subsection (b), then the fol-*
 24 *lowing procedures shall apply:*

1 “(1) *The resolution of the other House shall not*
 2 *be referred to a committee.*

3 “(2) *Any Member of that House may at any*
 4 *time offer a motion to proceed to the consideration of*
 5 *the resolution of the other House, and such motion*
 6 *shall be considered in accordance with paragraph (4)*
 7 *of subsection (d) (in the case of a motion in the*
 8 *House) or in accordance with paragraph (2) of sub-*
 9 *section (e) (in the case of a motion in the Senate).*

10 “(3) *With respect to a resolution described in*
 11 *subsection (a) of the House receiving the resolution—*

12 “(A) *the procedure in that House shall be*
 13 *the same as if no resolution had been received*
 14 *from the other House; but*

15 “(B) *the vote on final passage shall be on*
 16 *the resolution of the other House.”.*

17 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZING USE OF RESOLUTIONS OF DIS-**
 18 **APPROVAL TO DISAPPROVE PROVISIONS OF**
 19 **DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA LAWS.**

20 (a) *AUTHORIZATION.—Section 602(c)(1) of the Dis-*
 21 *trict of Columbia Home Rule Act (sec. 1–206.02(c)(1), D.C.*
 22 *Official Code) is amended—*

23 (1) *in the second sentence—*

1 (A) by striking “such act shall take effect”
 2 and inserting “such act and each provision
 3 thereof shall take effect”; and

4 (B) by striking “a joint resolution dis-
 5 approving such act.” and inserting “a joint reso-
 6 lution disapproving such act or any provision
 7 thereof.”;

8 (2) in the third sentence—

9 (A) by striking “disapproving such an act”
 10 and inserting “disapproving such an act or any
 11 provision thereof”; and

12 (B) by striking “to have repealed such act”
 13 and inserting “to have repealed such act or such
 14 provision (as the case may be)”; and

15 (3) in the fourth sentence, by striking “dis-
 16 approving any act” and inserting “disapproving any
 17 act or any provision thereof”.

18 (b) *CONFORMING AMENDMENT.*—Section 604(b) of
 19 such Act (sec. 1–206.04(b), D.C. Official Code) is amended
 20 by striking “; but does not include a resolution which speci-
 21 fies more than one action”.

22 (c) *RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.*—Section 602(c)(1) of
 23 such Act (sec. 1–206.02(c)(1), D.C. Official Code) is amend-
 24 ed by adding at the end the following new sentence: “The
 25 enactment of a resolution disapproving a provision of an

1 *act pursuant to this paragraph may not be construed to*
 2 *repeal any of the remaining provisions of such act or pro-*
 3 *hibit the enactment of any subsequent resolution dis-*
 4 *approving any other provision of such act pursuant to this*
 5 *paragraph.”.*

6 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZING USE OF RESOLUTIONS OF DIS-**
 7 **APPROVAL TO DISAPPROVE EXECUTIVE OR-**
 8 **DERS AND REGULATIONS.**

9 *(a) AUTHORIZATION.—Title VI of the District of Co-*
 10 *lumbia Home Rule Act (sec. 1–206.01 et seq., D.C. Official*
 11 *Code) is amended by adding at the end the following new*
 12 *section:*

13 *“LIMITATIONS ON REGULATORY AUTHORITY OF MAYOR*

14 *“SEC. 605. (a) TRANSMISSION OF EXECUTIVE ORDERS*
 15 *AND REGULATIONS.—The Mayor shall transmit to the*
 16 *Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President*
 17 *of the Senate a copy of each executive order issued by the*
 18 *Mayor and each regulation promulgated by an officer of*
 19 *the executive branch of the District government.*

20 *“(b) DELAY IN IMPLEMENTATION.—Except as pro-*
 21 *vided in paragraph (2), an executive order or regulation*
 22 *transmitted under subsection (a) shall take effect upon the*
 23 *expiration of the 60-day period (excluding days either*
 24 *House of Congress is adjourned for more than 3 days during*
 25 *a session of Congress) beginning on the later of the day such*
 26 *executive order or regulation is transmitted by the Mayor*

1 *to the Speaker of the House of Representatives or the day*
 2 *such executive order or regulation is transmitted by the*
 3 *Mayor to the President of the Senate, or upon the date pre-*
 4 *scribed by such executive order or regulation, whichever is*
 5 *later, unless during such 60-day period, there has been en-*
 6 *acted into law a joint resolution disapproving such execu-*
 7 *tive order or regulation.*

8 “(c) *DEEMED REPEAL.*—*In any case in which any*
 9 *joint resolution described in subsection (b) disapproving an*
 10 *executive order or regulation has, within the 60-day period*
 11 *described in subsection (b), passed both Houses of Congress*
 12 *and has been transmitted to the President, such joint resolu-*
 13 *tion, upon becoming law, subsequent to the expiration of*
 14 *such 60-day period, shall be deemed to have repealed such*
 15 *executive order or regulation, as of the date such joint reso-*
 16 *lution becomes law.*

17 “(d) *APPLICATION OF EXPEDITED PROCEDURES FOR*
 18 *CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS.*—*The provisions of sec-*
 19 *tion 604 shall apply with respect to any joint resolution*
 20 *disapproving any executive order or regulation pursuant*
 21 *to this section.”.*

22 (b) *DESCRIPTION OF EXPEDITED PROCEDURES FOR*
 23 *CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS.*—

24 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*Section 604 of such Act (sec.*
 25 *1–206.04, D.C. Official Code), as amended by section*

1 3(b), is amended by adding at the end the following
 2 new subsection:

3 “(g) *CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS DISAPPROVING*
 4 *EXECUTIVE ORDERS AND REGULATIONS.*—The provisions
 5 of this section shall apply with respect to the issuance of
 6 an executive order by the Mayor and the promulgation of
 7 a regulation by an officer of the executive branch of the Dis-
 8 trict government in the same manner as such provisions
 9 apply with respect to a Council action, except that for pur-
 10 poses of subsection (b) a ‘resolution’ means only a joint reso-
 11 lution, the matter after the resolving clause of which is as
 12 follows: ‘That the _____ approves/dis-
 13 approves of the action of the Mayor or an officer of the exec-
 14 utive branch of the District government described as follows:
 15 _____,’ with the blank spaces therein
 16 being appropriately filled, and either approval or dis-
 17 approval being appropriately indicated, but does not in-
 18 clude a resolution which specifies more than one action.”.

19 (2) *CONFORMING AMENDMENT.*—Section 604(b)
 20 of such Act (sec. 1–206.04(b), D.C. Official Code) is
 21 amended by striking “(b) For the purpose of this sec-
 22 tion,” and inserting “(b) For the purpose of this sec-
 23 tion with respect to a Council action,”.

1 (c) *CLERICAL AMENDMENT.*—*The table of contents of*
 2 *such Act is amended by adding at the end of the items relat-*
 3 *ing to title VI the following:*

“Sec. 605. Limitations on regulatory authority of Mayor.”.

4 **SEC. 6. PROHIBITING COUNCIL FROM WITHDRAWING ACTS**
 5 **ALREADY TRANSMITTED.**

6 *Section 602(c) of the District of Columbia Home Rule*
 7 *Act (sec. 1–206.02(c), D.C. Official Code), as amended by*
 8 *section 2(c), is amended by adding at the end the following*
 9 *new paragraph:*

10 “(4) *After the Council has transmitted an Act under*
 11 *this subsection, the Council may not withdraw the Act from*
 12 *the Speaker of the House or the President of the Senate dur-*
 13 *ing the period described with respect to the Act under para-*
 14 *graph (1), and the Act shall be subject to this subsection*
 15 *without regard to any attempt by the Council to withdraw*
 16 *the Act.”.*

17 **SEC. 7. PROHIBITING TRANSMISSION OF ACTS SUBSTAN-**
 18 **TIALLY THE SAME AS DISAPPROVED ACTS.**

19 (a) *PROHIBITION.*—*Section 602 of the District of Co-*
 20 *lumbia Home Rule Act (sec. 1–206.02, D.C. Official Code)*
 21 *is amended by adding at the end the following new sub-*
 22 *section:*

23 “(d) *PROHIBITING TRANSMISSION OF ACTS SUBSTAN-*
 24 *TIALLY THE SAME AS DISAPPROVED ACTS.*—*If a joint reso-*
 25 *lution has been enacted into law to disapprove an Act*

1 *transmitted by the Council under this section, the Council*
 2 *may not transmit another Act under this section which is*
 3 *substantially the same as the Act disapproved by the joint*
 4 *resolution, unless the Council is specifically authorized to*
 5 *transmit such an Act by a law enacted after the date of*
 6 *the enactment of the joint resolution to disapprove the origi-*
 7 *nal Act.”.*

8 (b) *EFFECTIVE DATE.*—*The amendment made by sub-*
 9 *section (a) shall apply with respect to acts of the District*
 10 *of Columbia which are disapproved by a joint resolution*
 11 *enacted on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.*

12 **SEC. 8. ANNUAL HEARING AND REPORT ON STATE OF DIS-**
 13 **TRICT OF COLUMBIA.**

14 *Not less frequently than once every calendar year, the*
 15 *Chair of the Council of the District of Columbia and the*
 16 *Mayor of the District of Columbia shall appear at a hearing*
 17 *of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform of*
 18 *the House of Representatives and a hearing of the Com-*
 19 *mittee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of*
 20 *the Senate to present a report on the state of the District,*
 21 *including recommendations for such measures as they deem*
 22 *necessary and expedient.*

23 **SEC. 9. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

24 *Except as provided in section 7(b), this Act, and the*
 25 *amendments made by this Act, shall apply with respect to*

1 *acts of the District of Columbia which are transmitted to*
2 *Congress by the Council of the District of Columbia under*
3 *section 602(c) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act*
4 *(sec. 1–206.02(c), D.C. Official Code), and with respect to*
5 *executive orders and regulations with are transmitted to*
6 *Congress by the Mayor under section 605 of such Act, as*
7 *added by section 5, on or after the date of the enactment*
8 *of this Act.*

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