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H. R. 9638

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SCANLON (for herself and Mr. HARRIGAN) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Sunshine for Our Kids
5 Act of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. MAKING STANDARD TIME PERMANENT.**

7 (a) REPEAL OF DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME.—Section
8 3 of the Uniform Time Act of 1966 (15 U.S.C. 260a) is
9 hereby repealed.

1 (b) EXCEPTION IF STATE ELECTS TO OBSERVE
2 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME.—Section 1 of the Act of March
3 19, 1918 (15 U.S.C. 261; commonly known as the “Calder
4 Act”), is amended—

5 (1) by redesignating subsection (b) as sub-
6 section (c); and

7 (2) by inserting after subsection (a) the fol-
8 lowing:

9 “(b) STATE ELECTION TO OBSERVE DAYLIGHT SAV-
10 ING TIME.—

11 “(1) STATES IN 1 TIME ZONE.—A State may by
12 law provide that the standard time for such State
13 shall be advanced by 1 hour (either year-round or
14 for a portion of the year, as specified in such law),
15 but only if such law provides that the entire State
16 (including all political subdivisions thereof) shall ob-
17 serve the same standard time.

18 “(2) STATES IN MORE THAN 1 TIME ZONE.—In
19 the case of a State that has areas within more than
20 1 time zone, such State may by law provide for—

21 “(A) the standard time for the entire State
22 to be advanced as described in paragraph (1);
23 or

24 “(B) the standard time for the entire area
25 of such State lying within any time zone to be

1 advanced by 1 hour (either year-round or for a
2 portion of the year, as specified in such law).

3 “(3) STATE DEFINED.—In this subsection, the
4 term ‘State’ has the meaning given such term in sec-
5 tion 7 of the Uniform Time Act of 1966 (15 U.S.C.
6 267).”.

7 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The second sen-
8 tence of section 1(a) of the Act of March 19, 1918 (15
9 U.S.C. 261(a)), is amended by striking “Except as pro-
10 vided in section 3(a) of the Uniform Time Act of 1966
11 (15 U.S.C. 260a),” and inserting “Except as provided in
12 subsection (b),”.

13 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
14 this section shall take effect on the first Sunday of Novem-
15 ber that first occurs after the date of the enactment of
16 this Act.

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