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# S. 164

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 21, 2025

Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. SCHMITT, Mr. SHEEHY, and Mr. LANKFORD) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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## 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 “Midnight Rules Relief  
5 Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. EN BLOC CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS OF**  
 2 **DISAPPROVAL PERTAINING TO “MIDNIGHT**  
 3 **RULES”.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 801(d) of title 5, United  
 5 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
 6 lowing:

7 “(4) In applying section 802 to rules described under  
 8 paragraph (1), a joint resolution of disapproval may con-  
 9 tain one or more such rules if the report under subsection  
 10 (a)(1)(A) for each such rule was submitted during the  
 11 final year of a President’s term.”.

12 (b) TEXT OF RESOLVING CLAUSE.—Section 802(a)  
 13 of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

14 (1) by inserting “(1) IN GENERAL.—” after  
 15 “(a)”;

16 (2) by inserting after “resolving clause of which  
 17 is” the following: “(except as otherwise provided in  
 18 this subsection)”;

19 (3) by adding at the end the following:

20 “(2) JOINT RESOLUTIONS UNDER SECTION  
 21 801(D)(4).—In the case of a joint resolution under section  
 22 801(d)(4), the matter after the resolving clause of such  
 23 resolution shall be as follows: ‘That Congress disapproves  
 24 the following rules: the rule submitted by the \_\_\_\_ relating  
 25 to \_\_\_\_; and the rule submitted by the \_\_\_\_ relating to  
 26 \_\_\_\_\_. Such rules shall have no force or effect.’ (The blank

- 1 spaces being appropriately filled in and additional clauses
- 2 describing additional rules to be included as necessary).”.

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