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To limit the printing of the Congressional Record and the House Calendars,
and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana (for himself, Mr. JONES, Ms. TENNEY, Mrs. WAGNER, and Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

A BILL

To limit the printing of the Congressional Record and the
House Calendars, and for other purposes.

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 “Preventing Additional
5 Printing of Electronic Records Act of 2018” or the
6 “PAPER Act of 2018”.

7 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON PRINTING OF CONGRESSIONAL**
8 **RECORD.**

9 Section 906 of title 44, United States Code, is
10 amended to read as follows:

1 **“§ 906. Congressional Record: gratuitous copies; de-**
2 **livery**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the Government
4 Publishing Office shall furnish the Congressional Record
5 to an entity named in subsection (b) during a session of
6 Congress only—

7 “(1) after the entity makes a request to receive
8 copies during that session; and

9 “(2) in accordance with the limitations de-
10 scribed in subsection (b).

11 “(b) LIMITATIONS ON COPIES.—After an entity
12 makes a request under subsection (a)(1), the Director of
13 the Government Publishing Office shall provide copies of
14 the Congressional Record to the entity as follows:

15 “(1) Of the bound edition—

16 “(A) to the Senate Service Department,
17 not more than 5 copies for the Vice President
18 and each Senator;

19 “(B) to the Secretary and Sergeant at
20 Arms of the Senate, each, not more than 2 cop-
21 ies;

22 “(C) to the Joint Committee on Printing,
23 not more than 100 hundred copies;

24 “(D) to the House of Representatives Pub-
25 lications Distribution Service, not more than 3
26 copies for each Representative, including each

1 Delegate and Resident Commissioner to the
2 Congress; and

3 “(E) to the Clerk and the Sergeant at
4 Arms of the House of Representatives, each,
5 not more than 2 copies.

6 “(2) Of the daily edition—

7 “(A) to the Vice President, not more than
8 100 hundred copies;

9 “(B) to each Senator, not more than 50
10 copies (which may be transferred only to public
11 agencies and institutions);

12 “(C) to the Secretary and Sergeant at
13 Arms of the Senate, each, not more than 25
14 copies;

15 “(D) to the Secretary, for official use, not
16 more than 35 copies;

17 “(E) to the Sergeant at Arms for use on
18 the floor of the Senate, not more than 50 cop-
19 ies;

20 “(F) to each Member of the House of Rep-
21 resentatives, including each Delegate and Resi-
22 dent Commissioner to the Congress, not more
23 than 34 copies (which may be transferred only
24 to public agencies and institutions);

1 “(G) to the Clerk and the Sergeant at
2 Arms of the House of Representatives, each,
3 not more than 25 copies;

4 “(H) to the Clerk, for official use, not
5 more than 50 copies, and to the Clerk for use
6 on the floor of the House of Representatives,
7 not more than 75 copies; and

8 “(I) to the Vice President and each Sen-
9 ator, Representative, and Resident Commis-
10 sioner in Congress (and not transferable), not
11 more than 3 copies of which 1 may be delivered
12 at his or her residence, 1 at his or her office,
13 and 1 at the Capitol.

14 “(3) In unstitched form, and held in reserve by
15 the Director of the Government Publishing Office, as
16 many copies of the daily Record as may be required
17 to supply a semimonthly edition, bound in paper
18 cover together with each semimonthly index when it
19 is issued, and then delivered promptly upon request
20 as follows:

21 “(A) To each committee and commission
22 of Congress, not more than 1 daily and 1 semi-
23 monthly copy.

24 “(B) To each joint committee and joint
25 commission in Congress, as may be designated

1 by the Joint Committee on Printing, not more
2 than 2 copies of the daily, 1 semimonthly copy,
3 and 1 bound copy.

4 “(C) To the Secretary and the Sergeant at
5 Arms of the Senate, for office use, each, not
6 more than 6 semimonthly copies.

7 “(D) To the Clerk and the Sergeant at
8 Arms of the House, for office use, each, not
9 more than 6 semimonthly copies.

10 “(E) To the Joint Committee on Printing,
11 not more than 10 semimonthly copies.

12 “(F) To the Vice President and each Sen-
13 ator, Representative, and Resident Commis-
14 sioner in Congress, not more than 1 semi-
15 monthly copy.

16 “(G) To the President of the United
17 States, for the use of the Executive Office, not
18 more than 10 copies of the daily, 2 semi-
19 monthly copies, and 1 bound copy.

20 “(H) To the Chief Justice of the United
21 States and each of the Associate Justices of the
22 Supreme Court of the United States, not more
23 than 1 copy of the daily.

24 “(I) To the offices of the marshal and
25 clerk of the Supreme Court of the United

1 States, each, not more than 2 copies of the
2 daily and 1 semimonthly copy.

3 “(J) To each United States circuit and
4 district judge, and to the chief judge and each
5 associate judge of the United States Court of
6 Federal Claims, the United States Court of
7 International Trade, the Tax Court of the
8 United States, the United States Court of Ap-
9 peals for Veterans Claims, and the United
10 States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces,
11 upon request to a member of Congress and no-
12 tification by the Member to the Director of the
13 Government Publishing Office, not more than 1
14 copy of the daily, in addition to those author-
15 ized to be furnished to Members of Congress
16 under the preceding provisions of this section.

17 “(K) To the offices of the Vice President
18 and the Speaker of the House of Representa-
19 tives, each, not more than 6 copies of the daily
20 and 1 semimonthly copy.

21 “(L) To the Sergeant at Arms, the Chap-
22 lain, the Postmaster, the superintendent and
23 the foreman of the Senate Service Department
24 and of the House of Representatives Publica-
25 tions Distribution Service, respectively; and to

1 the Secretaries to the Majority and the Minor-
2 ity of the Senate, each, not more than 1 copy
3 of the daily.

4 “(M) To the office of the Parliamentarian
5 of the House of Representatives, not more than
6 6 copies of the daily, 1 semimonthly copy, and
7 2 bound copies.

8 “(N) To the offices of the Official Report-
9 ers of Debates of the Senate and House of Rep-
10 resentatives, respectively, each, not more than
11 15 copies of the daily, 1 semimonthly copy, and
12 3 bound copies.

13 “(O) To the office of the stenographers to
14 committees of the House of Representatives,
15 not more than 4 copies of the daily and 1 semi-
16 monthly copy.

17 “(P) To the office of the Congressional
18 Record Index, not more than 10 copies of the
19 daily and 2 semimonthly copies.

20 “(Q) To the offices of the superintendent
21 of the Senate and House document rooms,
22 each, not more than 3 copies of the daily, 1
23 semimonthly copy, and 1 bound copy.

24 “(R) To the offices of the superintendents
25 of the Senate and House press galleries, each,

1 not more than 2 copies of the daily, 1 semi-
2 monthly copy, and 1 bound copy.

3 “(S) To the offices of the Legislative
4 Counsel of the Senate and House of Represent-
5 atives, respectively, and the Architect of the
6 Capitol, each, not more than 3 copies of the
7 daily, 1 semimonthly copy, and 1 bound copy.

8 “(T) To the Library of Congress for offi-
9 cial use in Washington, District of Columbia,
10 and for international exchange, as provided by
11 section 1718 and 1719 of this title, not more
12 than 145 copies of the daily, 5 semimonthly
13 copies, and 150 bound copies.

14 “(U) To the library of the Senate, not
15 more than 3 copies of the daily, 2 semimonthly
16 copies, and 15 bound copies.

17 “(V) To the library of the House of Rep-
18 resentatives, not more than 5 copies of the
19 daily, 2 semimonthly copies, and 28 bound cop-
20 ies, of which 8 copies may be bound in the style
21 and manner approved by the Joint Committee
22 on Printing.

23 “(W) To the library of the Supreme Court
24 of the United States, not more than 2 copies of

1 the daily, 2 semi-monthly copies, and 5 bound
2 copies.

3 “(X) To the library of each United States
4 Court of Appeals, each United States District
5 Court, the United States Court of Federal
6 Claims, the United States Court of Inter-
7 national Trade, the United States Tax Court,
8 the United States Court of Appeals for Vet-
9 erans Claims, and the United States Court of
10 Appeals for the Armed Forces, upon request to
11 the Director of the Government Publishing Of-
12 fice, not more than 1 copy of the daily, 1 semi-
13 monthly copy, and 1 bound copy.

14 “(Y) To the Director of the Government
15 Publishing Office for official use, not more than
16 75 copies of the daily, 10 semimonthly copies,
17 and 2 bound copies.

18 “(Z) To the Director of the Botanic Gar-
19 den, not more than 2 copies of the daily and 1
20 semimonthly copy.

21 “(AA) To the Archivist of the United
22 States, not more than 5 copies of the daily, 2
23 semimonthly copies, and 2 bound copies.

24 “(BB) To the library of each executive de-
25 partment, independent office, and establishment

1 of the Government in the District of Columbia,
2 except those designated as depository libraries,
3 and to the libraries of the municipal govern-
4 ment of the District of Columbia, the Naval
5 Observatory, and the Smithsonian Institution,
6 each, not more than 2 copies of the daily, 1
7 semimonthly copy, and 1 bound copy.

8 “(CC) To the offices of the Governors of
9 Puerto Rico, Guam, the United States Virgin
10 Islands, American Samoa, and the Common-
11 wealth of the Northern Mariana Islands each,
12 not more than 5 copies in both daily and bound
13 form.

14 “(DD) To each ex-President and ex-Vice
15 President of the United States, not more than
16 1 copy of the daily.

17 “(EE) To each former Senator, Represent-
18 ative, and Commissioner from Puerto Rico,
19 upon request to the Director of the Government
20 Publishing Office, not more than 1 copy of the
21 daily.

22 “(FF) To the Governor of each State, not
23 more than 1 copy in both daily and bound form.

24 “(GG) To each separate establishment of
25 the Armed Forces Retirement Home, to each of

1 the National Homes for Disabled Volunteer Sol-
2 diers, and to each of the State soldiers' homes,
3 not more than 1 copy of the daily.

4 “(HH) To the Department of State, not
5 more than 150 copies of the daily, for distribu-
6 tion to each United States embassy and lega-
7 tion abroad, and to the principal consular of-
8 fices in the discretion of the Secretary of State.

9 “(II) To each foreign legation in Wash-
10 ington whose government extends a like cour-
11 tesy to our embassies and legations abroad, not
12 more than 1 copy of the daily, to be furnished
13 upon requisition of and sent through the Sec-
14 retary of State.

15 “(JJ) To each newspaper correspondent
16 whose name appears in the Congressional Di-
17 rectory, and who makes application, for his or
18 her personal use and that of the papers he or
19 she represents, not more than 1 copy of the
20 daily and 1 copy of the bound, the same to be
21 sent to the office address of the member of the
22 press or elsewhere as he or she directs, and not
23 more than 4 copies in all may be furnished to
24 members of the same press bureau.

1 “(c) DAILY EDITION.—Copies of the daily edition,
2 unless otherwise directed by the Joint Committee on
3 Printing, shall be supplied and delivered promptly on the
4 day after the actual day’s proceedings as originally pub-
5 lished. Each order for the daily Record shall begin with
6 the current issue, if previous issues of the same session
7 are not available. The apportionment specified for daily
8 copies may not be transferred for the bound form.

9 “(d) DEPOSITORY LIBRARIES.—The Director of the
10 Government Publishing Office shall furnish to the Super-
11 intendent of Documents as many daily and bound copies
12 of the Congressional Record as may be required for dis-
13 tribution to depository libraries.”.

14 **SEC. 3. OPT-IN TO RECEIVE HOUSE CALENDARS.**

15 The Clerk of the House of Representatives shall not
16 provide printed copies of the calendars of the House to
17 any office of the House unless requested by such office.

18 **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

19 This Act, and the amendment made by this Act, shall
20 take effect on the date that is 60 days after the date of
21 enactment of this Act.

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