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To make daylight saving time permanent, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. MARKEY, and Mr. HAGERTY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

A BILL

To make daylight saving time permanent, 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 “Sunshine Protection
5 Act of 2021”.

6 **SEC. 2. MAKING DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME PERMANENT.**

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9 1966 (15 U.S.C. 260a) is hereby repealed.

10 (b) ADVANCEMENT OF STANDARD TIME.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The second sentence of sub-
2 section (a) of section 1 of the Act of March 19,
3 1918 (commonly known as the “Calder Act”) (15
4 U.S.C. 261), is amended—

5 (A) by striking “4 hours” and inserting “3
6 hours”;

7 (B) by striking “5 hours” and inserting “4
8 hours”;

9 (C) by striking “6 hours” and inserting “5
10 hours”;

11 (D) by striking “7 hours” and inserting “6
12 hours”;

13 (E) by striking “8 hours” and inserting
14 “by 7 hours”;

15 (F) by striking “9 hours” and inserting “8
16 hours”;

17 (G) by striking “10 hours;” and inserting
18 “9 hours;”;

19 (H) by striking “11 hours” and inserting
20 “10 hours”; and

21 (I) by striking “10 hours.” and inserting
22 “11 hours.”.

23 (2) STATE EXEMPTION.—Such section is fur-
24 ther amended by—

1 (A) redesignating subsection (b) as sub-
2 section (c); and

3 (B) inserting after subsection (a) the fol-
4 lowing:

5 “(b) STANDARD TIME FOR CERTAIN STATES AND
6 AREAS.—The standard time for a State that has exempted
7 itself from the provisions of section 3(a) of the Uniform
8 Time Act of 1966 (15 U.S.C. 260a(a)), as in effect on
9 the day before the date of the enactment of the Sunshine
10 Protection Act of 2021, pursuant to such section or an
11 area of a State that has exempted such area from such
12 provisions pursuant to such section shall be, as such State
13 considers appropriate—

14 “(1) the standard time for such State or area,
15 as the case may be, pursuant to subsection (a) of
16 this section; or

17 “(2) the standard time for such State or area,
18 as the case may be, pursuant to subsection (a) of
19 this section as it was in effect on the day before the
20 date of the enactment of the Sunshine Protection
21 Act of 2021.”.

22 (3) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Such section
23 is further amended, in the second sentence, by strik-
24 ing “Except as provided in section 3(a) of the Uni-
25 form Time Act of 1966 (15 U.S.C. 260a(a)), the”

1 and inserting “Except as provided in subsection
2 (b),”.

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