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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 9, 2021

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.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Sunshine Protection Act of 2021”.

SEC. 2. MAKING DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME PERMANENT.

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OF TEMPORARY PERIOD FOR DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME.—Section 3 of the Uniform Time Act of 1966 (15 U.S.C. 260a) is hereby repealed.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(2) STATE EXEMPTION.—Such section is fur-
ther amended by—
(A) redesignating subsection (b) as subsection (e); and

(B) inserting after subsection (a) the following:

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

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

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

(3) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Such section is further amended, in the second sentence, by striking “Except as provided in section 3(a) of the Uniform Time Act of 1966 (15 U.S.C. 260a(a)), the”
and inserting “Except as provided in subsection (b),”.

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