117	TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION  S.
Т	o establish a process for expedited consideration of legislation relating to decisions by the Supreme Court of the United States.
	IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES
Mr.	WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. WARREN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. PADILLA, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on
То	A BILL establish a process for expedited consideration of legislation relating to decisions by the Supreme Court of the
	United States.
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 "Supreme Court Review
5	Act of 2022".
6	SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.
7	In this Act—

(1) the term "covered joint resolution" means a

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joint resolution—

1	(A) that is—
2	(i) reported by a committee of the
3	Senate under section $3(c)(1)$ ;
4	(ii) placed on the calendar in the Sen-
5	ate in accordance with section 3(d); or
6	(iii) reported by a committee of the
7	House of Representatives under section
8	3(c)(2);
9	(B) the title of which is as follows: "Joint
10	resolution relating to", the blank
11	space being filled in with the name of a covered
12	Supreme Court decision the matter of which
13	was referred to—
14	(i) a committee of the Senate, upon
15	the Senate agreeing to a motion offered
16	under section $3(a)(2)(A)$ ; or
17	(ii) 1 or more committees of the
18	House of Representatives, upon the House
19	of Representatives agreeing to a motion of
20	fered under section 3(a)(3)(A);
21	(C) which does not have a preamble; and
22	(D) the matter after the resolving clause of
23	which—
24	(i) for a joint resolution with respect
25	to a covered Supreme Court decision de-

1	scribed in paragraph $(3)(A)$ , only
2	amends—
3	(I) covered provisions of Federal
4	statute with respect to the covered
5	Supreme Court decision; or
6	(II) provisions of Federal statute
7	that are directly implicated by a cov-
8	ered provision of Federal statute de-
9	scribed in subclause (I), including
10	statutory definitions, dates, and provi-
11	sions the meaning of which are rea-
12	sonably likely to be affected by an
13	amendment to the covered provision of
14	Federal statute; or
15	(ii) for a joint resolution with respect
16	to a covered Supreme Court decision de-
17	scribed in paragraph (3)(B), only amends
18	or enacts provisions of Federal statute in
19	a manner that is reasonably relevant to the
20	covered Supreme Court decision;
21	(2) the term "covered provision of Federal stat-
22	ute" means a provision of Federal statute inter-
23	preted for the first time or reinterpreted by a cov-
24	ered Supreme Court decision;

1	(3) the term "covered Supreme Court decision"
2	means a decision of the Supreme Court—
3	(A) which—
4	(i) interprets a provision of Federal
5	statute for the first time; or
6	(ii) reinterprets a provision of Federal
7	statute that was previously interpreted by
8	the Supreme Court; or
9	(B) which interprets or reinterprets the
10	Constitution of the United States in a manner
11	that diminishes an individual right or privilege
12	that is or was previously protected by the Con-
13	stitution of the United States;
14	(4) the term "extraneous matter", with respect
15	to a covered joint resolution, an amendment between
16	the Houses in relation thereto, or a conference re-
17	port thereon, means a provision—
18	(A) for a covered joint resolution with re-
19	spect to a covered Supreme Court decision de-
20	scribed in paragraph (3)(A), that—
21	(i) amends a provision of a Federal
22	statute that is not—
23	(I) a covered provision of Federal
24	statute with respect to the case identi-

1	fied in the title of the covered joint
2	resolution; or
3	(II) directly implicated by a cov-
4	ered provision of Federal statute de-
5	scribed in subclause (I); or
6	(ii) amends a provision of Federal
7	statute described in subclause (I) or (II) of
8	clause (i) in a manner that is not reason-
9	ably relevant to the questions presented in
10	the covered Supreme Court decision; or
11	(B) for a covered joint resolution with re-
12	spect to a covered Supreme Court decision de-
13	scribed in paragraph (3)(B), that is not reason-
14	ably relevant to the covered Supreme Court de-
15	cision; and
16	(5) the term "Supreme Court" means the Su-
17	preme Court of the United States.
18	SEC. 3. RECONSIDERATION OF COVERED SUPREME COURT
19	DECISIONS.
20	(a) Opening Vote.—
21	(1) Notice to congress.—Not later than 2
22	days after the date on which the Supreme Court
23	issues a covered Supreme Court decision, the Comp-
24	troller General of the United States shall submit to

1	Congress written notice of the covered Supreme
2	Court decision.
3	(2) Senate.—
4	(A) In General.—Notwithstanding rule
5	XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, in
6	the Senate, it shall be in order, not later than
7	10 days of session after the date on which no-
8	tice of a covered Supreme Court decision is re-
9	ceived under paragraph (1), to move to refer
10	the notice, with instructions to report, to—
11	(i) for a notice with respect to a cov-
12	ered Supreme Court decision described in
13	section 2(3)(A), the committee of the Sen-
14	ate with jurisdiction over the subject mat-
15	ter that predominates in the covered provi-
16	sions of Federal statute at issue in the cov-
17	ered Supreme Court decision; or
18	(ii) for a notice with respect to a cov-
19	ered Supreme Court decision described in
20	section 2(3)(B), the committee of the Sen-
21	ate with jurisdiction over the subject mat-
22	ter that predominates in relation to the
23	right affected by the covered Supreme
24	Court decision.

1	(B) Floor consideration of motion to
2	REFER WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO REPORT.—If a
3	motion to refer the notice regarding a covered
4	Supreme Court decision with instructions to re-
5	port is made in accordance with subparagraph
6	(A) and is signed by 16 Senators—
7	(i) all points of order against the mo-
8	tion are waived;
9	(ii) consideration of the motion, and
10	all debatable motions and appeals in con-
11	nection therewith, shall be limited to not
12	more than 4 hours, which shall be divided
13	equally between the majority and minority
14	leaders or their designees;
15	(iii) a motion further to limit debate
16	is in order and not debatable;
17	(iv) an amendment to or a motion to
18	postpone the motion is not in order; and
19	(v) a motion to proceed to the consid-
20	eration of other business is not in order.
21	(C) Referral without instructions
22	TO REPORT.—If no motion to refer the notice
23	regarding a Supreme Court decision with in-
24	structions to report is made in accordance with
25	subparagraph (A) and signed by 16 Senators,

1	the notice shall be referred, with no instructions
2	to report, to—
3	(i) for a notice with respect to a cov-
4	ered Supreme Court decision described in
5	section 2(3)(A), the committee of the Sen-
6	ate with jurisdiction over the subject mat-
7	ter that predominates in the covered provi-
8	sions of Federal statute at issue in the cov-
9	ered Supreme Court decision; or
10	(ii) for a notice with respect to a cov-
11	ered Supreme Court decision described in
12	section 2(3)(B), the committee of the Sen-
13	ate with jurisdiction over the subject mat-
14	ter that predominates in relation to the
15	right affected by the covered Supreme
16	Court decision.
17	(3) House of representatives.—
18	(A) IN GENERAL.—In the House of Rep-
19	resentatives, it shall be in order, not later than
20	10 days of session after the date on which no-
21	tice of a covered Supreme Court decision is re-
22	ceived under paragraph (1), to move to refer
23	the notice, with instructions to report, to—
24	(i) for a notice with respect to a cov-
25	ered Supreme Court decision described in

1	section 2(3)(A), the committee or commit-
2	tees of the House of Representatives with
3	jurisdiction over the subject matter that
4	predominates in the covered provisions of
5	Federal statute at issue in the covered Su-
6	preme Court decision; or
7	(ii) for a notice with respect to a cov-
8	ered Supreme Court decision described in
9	section 2(3)(B), the committee or commit-
10	tees of the House of Representatives with
11	jurisdiction over the subject matter that
12	predominates in relation to the right af-
13	fected by the covered Supreme Court deci-
14	sion.
15	(B) PROCEDURE.—If a motion to refer the
16	notice regarding a covered Supreme Court deci-
17	sion with instructions to report is made in ac-
18	cordance with subparagraph (A)—
19	(i) all points of order against the mo-
20	tion are waived;
21	(ii) the previous question shall be con-
22	sidered as ordered on the motion to its
23	adoption, except 4 hours of debate equally
24	divided and controlled by the proponent
25	and an opponent;

1	(iii) an amendment to the motion
2	shall not be in order; and
3	(iv) a motion to reconsider the vote on
4	adoption of the motion shall not be in
5	order.
6	(C) Referral without instructions
7	TO REPORT.—If no motion to refer the notice
8	regarding a Supreme Court decision with in-
9	structions to report is made in accordance with
10	subparagraph (A), the notice shall be referred,
11	with no instructions to report, to—
12	(i) for a notice with respect to a cov-
13	ered Supreme Court decision described in
14	section 2(3)(A), the committee or commit-
15	tees of the House of Representatives with
16	jurisdiction over the subject matter that
17	predominates in the covered provisions of
18	Federal statute at issue in the covered Su-
19	preme Court decision; or
20	(ii) for a notice with respect to a cov-
21	ered Supreme Court decision described in
22	section 2(3)(B), the committee or commit-
23	tees of the House of Representatives with
24	jurisdiction over the subject matter that
25	predominates in relation to the right af-

1	fected by the covered Supreme Court deci-
2	sion.
3	(b) Referral.—
4	(1) Senate.—
5	(A) In General.—In the Senate, fol-
6	lowing the disposition of a motion offered under
7	subsection (a)(2)(A), and without regard to
8	whether the motion is agreed to, the notice of
9	the applicable covered Supreme Court decision
10	shall be referred to—
11	(i) for a notice with respect to a cov-
12	ered Supreme Court decision described in
13	section 2(3)(A), the committee of the Sen-
14	ate with jurisdiction over the subject mat-
15	ter that predominates in the covered provi-
16	sions of Federal statute at issue in the cov-
17	ered Supreme Court decision; or
18	(ii) for a notice with respect to a cov-
19	ered Supreme Court decision described in
20	section 2(3)(B), the committee of the Sen-
21	ate with jurisdiction over the subject mat-
22	ter that predominates in relation to the
23	right affected by the covered Supreme
24	Court decision.

1	(B) Expedited procedures apply if
2	REFERRAL AGREED TO.—If a motion offered
3	under subsection (a)(2)(A) with respect to the
4	notice of a covered Supreme Court decision is
5	agreed to, the committee to which the notice is
6	referred shall report a covered joint resolution
7	with respect to the covered Supreme Court deci-
8	sion under subsection (c)(1), which shall be
9	subject to consideration under the procedures
10	under this section.
11	(C) Limitation on expedited proce-
12	DURES.—If a motion offered under subsection
13	(a)(2)(A) with respect to the notice of a covered
14	Supreme Court decision is not agreed to—
15	(i) the committee to which the notice
16	is referred may not report a covered joint
17	resolution with respect to the covered Su-
18	preme Court decision; and
19	(ii)(I) for a notice with respect to a
20	covered Supreme Court decision described
21	in section 2(3)(A), a measure reported by
22	the committee relating to covered provi-
23	sions of Federal statute with respect to the
24	covered Supreme Court decision shall not

1	be considered under the procedures under
2	this section; or
3	(II) for a notice with respect to a cov-
4	ered Supreme Court decision described in
5	section 2(3)(B), a measure reported by the
6	committee amending or enacting provisions
7	of Federal statute relevant to the questions
8	presented in the covered Supreme Court
9	decision shall not be considered under the
10	procedures under this section.
11	(2) House of representatives.—
12	(A) IN GENERAL.—In the House of Rep-
13	resentatives, following the disposition of a mo-
14	tion offered under subsection (a)(3)(A), and
15	without regard to whether the motion is agreed
16	to, the notice of the applicable covered Supreme
17	Court decision shall be referred to—
18	(i) for a notice with respect to a cov-
19	ered Supreme Court decision described in
20	section 2(3)(A), the committee or commit-
21	tees of the House of Representatives with
22	jurisdiction over the subject matter that
23	predominates in the covered provisions of
24	Federal statute at issue in the covered Su-
25	preme Court decision; or

1	(ii) for a notice with respect to a cov-
2	ered Supreme Court decision described in
3	section 2(3)(B), the committee or commit-
4	tees of the House of Representatives with
5	jurisdiction over the subject matter that
6	predominates in relation to the right af-
7	fected by the covered Supreme Court deci-
8	sion.
9	(B) Expedited procedures apply if
10	REFERRAL AGREED TO.—If a motion offered
11	under subsection (a)(3)(A) with respect to the
12	notice of a covered Supreme Court decision is
13	agreed to, the committee or committees to
14	which the notice is referred shall report a cov-
15	ered joint resolution with respect to the covered
16	Supreme Court decision under subsection
17	(e)(2), which shall be subject to consideration
18	under the procedures under this section.
19	(C) LIMITATION ON EXPEDITED PROCE-
20	DURES.—If a motion offered under subsection
21	(a)(3)(A) with respect to the notice of a covered
22	Supreme Court decision is not agreed to—
23	(i) a committee to which the notice is
24	referred may not report a covered joint

1	resolution with respect to the covered Su
2	preme Court decision; and
3	(ii)(I) for a notice with respect to a
4	covered Supreme Court decision described
5	in section 2(3)(A), a measure reported by
6	such a committee relating to covered provi
7	sions of Federal statute with respect to the
8	covered Supreme Court decision shall no
9	be considered under the procedures under
10	this section; or
11	(II) for a notice with respect to a cov
12	ered Supreme Court decision described in
13	section 2(3)(B), a measure reported by
14	such a committee amending or enacting
15	provisions of Federal statute relevant to
16	the questions presented in the covered Su
17	preme Court decision shall not be consid
18	ered under the procedures under this sec
19	tion.
20	(c) Consideration by Committee.—
21	(1) Senate.—If a motion offered under sub
22	section (a)(2)(A) with respect to a notice regarding
23	a covered Supreme Court decision is agreed to, no
24	later than 30 days after the referral of the notice
25	under subsection (b)(1), the committee of the Senate

1	to which the covered Supreme Court decision was re-
2	ferred shall report to the Senate a covered joint res-
3	olution with respect to the covered Supreme Court
4	decision.
5	(2) House of representatives.—If a motion
6	offered under subsection (a)(3)(A) with respect to a
7	notice regarding a covered Supreme Court decision
8	is agreed to, not later than 30 days after the referral
9	of the notice under subsection (b)(2), each com-
10	mittee of the House of Representatives to which the
11	covered Supreme Court decision was referred shall
12	report to the House of Representatives a covered
13	joint resolution with respect to the covered Supreme
14	Court decision.
15	(d) ALTERNATIVE COVERED JOINT RESOLUTIONS IN
16	THE SENATE.—
17	(1) In general.—A covered joint resolution
18	with respect to a covered Supreme Court decision
19	that is introduced in the Senate shall be immediately
20	placed on the appropriate calendar if a motion to
21	place the covered joint resolution on the appropriate
22	calendar that is signed by 40 Senators is filed—
23	(A) if another covered joint resolution with
24	respect to the covered Supreme Court decision

1	is reported to the Senate under subsection
2	(c)(1), during—
3	(i) the period beginning on the date
4	on which the other covered joint resolution
5	is reported under subsection $(e)(1)$ ; and
6	(ii) ending on the date that is 10 ses-
7	sion days after the date described in clause
8	(i); or
9	(B) if a motion offered under subsection
10	(a)(2)(A) with respect to the notice regarding
11	the covered Supreme Court decision is agreed
12	to and no other covered joint resolution with re-
13	spect to the covered Supreme Court decision is
14	reported to the Senate under subsection $(c)(1)$ ,
15	notwithstanding the requirement to report
16	under subsection (c)(1), during—
17	(i) the period beginning on the date
18	that is 30 days after the date of the refer-
19	ral of the notice with respect to the cov-
20	ered Supreme Court decision under sub-
21	section (b)(1); and
22	(ii) ending on the date that is 10 ses-
23	sion days after the date described in clause
24	(i).
25	(2) Limitations.—

1	(A) In General.—Only 1 covered joint
2	resolution with respect to a covered Supreme
3	Court decision may be placed on the appro-
4	priate calendar pursuant to this subsection.
5	(B) Multiple motions.—If multiple mo-
6	tions to place a covered joint resolution with re-
7	spect to a covered Supreme Court decision on
8	the appropriate calendar are signed by 40 Sen-
9	ators and submitted within the appropriate pe-
10	riods described in subparagraphs (A) and (B)
11	of paragraph (1)—
12	(i) the only covered joint resolution
13	that shall be placed on the appropriate cal-
14	endar pursuant to this subsection is the
15	covered joint offered by the first motion
16	that is signed by the Minority Leader of
17	the Senate; and
18	(ii) any other such motion—
19	(I) shall not be placed on the ap-
20	propriate calendar; and
21	(II) shall be referred to—
22	(aa) for a covered joint reso-
23	lution with respect to a covered
24	Supreme Court decision de-
25	scribed in section 2(3)(A), the

1	committee of the Senate with ju-
2	risdiction over the subject matter
3	that predominates in the covered
4	provisions of Federal statute at
5	issue in the covered Supreme
6	Court decision; or
7	(bb) for a covered joint reso-
8	lution with respect to a covered
9	Supreme Court decision de-
10	scribed in section 2(3)(B), the
11	committee of the Senate with ju-
12	risdiction over the subject matter
13	that predominates in relation to
14	the right affected by the covered
15	Supreme Court decision.
16	(e) Expedited Consideration in Senate.—
17	(1) Proceeding to consideration.—
18	(A) In General.—Notwithstanding rule
19	XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, in
20	the Senate, it shall be in order—
21	(i) to move to proceed to a covered
22	joint resolution reported to the Senate
23	under subsection $(c)(1)$ not later than $10$
24	days after the date on which the covered
25	joint resolution is reported; or

1	(ii) to move to proceed to a covered
2	joint resolution placed on the calendar
3	under subsection (d) not later than 10
4	days after the date on which the covered
5	joint resolution is placed on the calendar.
6	(B) Procedure.—For a motion to pro-
7	ceed to the consideration of a covered joint res-
8	olution—
9	(i) all points of order against the mo-
10	tion are waived;
11	(ii) the motion is not debatable;
12	(iii) the motion is not subject to a mo-
13	tion to postpone;
14	(iv) a motion to reconsider the vote by
15	which the motion is agreed to or disagreed
16	to shall not be in order; and
17	(v) if the motion is agreed to, the cov-
18	ered joint resolution shall remain the un-
19	finished business until disposed of.
20	(2) Floor consideration generally.—If
21	the Senate proceeds to consideration of a covered
22	joint resolution—
23	(A) all points of order against the covered
24	joint resolution (and against consideration of
25	the covered joint resolution) are waived, except

1	for points of order relating to extraneous mat-
2	ter;
3	(B) consideration of the covered joint reso-
4	lution, and all debatable motions and appeals in
5	connection therewith, shall be limited to not
6	more than 10 hours, which shall be divided
7	equally between the majority and minority lead-
8	ers or their designees;
9	(C) a motion further to limit debate is in
10	order and not debatable;
11	(D) an amendment to, a motion to post-
12	pone, or a motion to recommit the covered joint
13	resolution is not in order; and
14	(E) a motion to proceed to the consider-
15	ation of other business is not in order.
16	(3) Point of order against extraneous
17	MATTER.—
18	(A) Point of order.—
19	(i) IN GENERAL.—In the Senate, it
20	shall not be in order to consider a provi-
21	sion in a covered joint resolution that con-
22	tains extraneous matter.
23	(ii) Point of order sustained.—If
24	a point of order is made by a Senator
25	against a provision described in clause (i),

and the point of order is sustained by the 1 2 Chair, that provision shall be stricken from 3 the measure. 4 (B) Form of the point of order.—A 5 point of order under subparagraph (A)(i) may 6 be raised by a Senator as provided in section 7 313(e) of the Congressional Budget Act of 8 1974 (2 U.S.C. 644(e)). 9 (C) CONFERENCE REPORTS.—When the 10 Senate is considering a conference report on, or 11 an amendment between the Houses in relation 12 to, a covered joint resolution, upon a point of 13 order being made by any Senator pursuant to 14 subparagraph (A)(i), and such point of order 15 being sustained, such material contained in 16 such conference report or House amendment 17 shall be stricken, and the Senate shall proceed 18 to consider the question of whether the Senate 19 shall recede from its amendment and concur 20 with a further amendment, or concur in the 21 House amendment with a further amendment, 22 as the case may be, which further amendment 23 shall consist of only that portion of the con-24 ference report or House amendment, as the 25 case may be, not so stricken. Any such motion

23 1 in the Senate shall not be debatable. In any 2 case in which such point of order is sustained 3 against a conference report (or Senate amend-4 ment derived from such conference report by 5 operation of this subparagraph), no further 6 amendment shall be in order. 7 SUPERMAJORITY WAIVER AND AP-8 PEAL.—In the Senate, this paragraph may be 9 waived or suspended only by an affirmative vote 10 of three-fifths of the Members, duly chose and 11 sworn. An affirmative vote of three-fifths of

Members of the Senate, duly chosen and sworn

shall be required to sustain an appeal of the

ruling of the Chair on a point of order raised

15 under this paragraph.

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- (4) Vote on passage.—The vote on passage of a covered joint resolution shall occur immediately following the conclusion of the consideration of the covered joint resolution, and a single quorum call at the conclusion of the debate if requested in accordance with the rules of the Senate.
- (5) Limitation on multiple measures.—If a covered joint resolution with respect to a covered Supreme Court decision is agreed to in the Senate, it shall not be in order in the Senate to move to pro-

1 ceed to any other covered joint resolution that was 2 introduced in the Senate with respect to the covered 3 Supreme Court decision. 4 (6) Rulings of the chair on procedure.— 5 Appeals from the decisions of the Chair relating to 6 the application of this subsection or the rules of the 7 Senate, as the case may be, to the procedure relat-8 ing to a covered joint resolution shall be decided 9 without debate. 10 (f) Additional Procedures.— 11 (1) Treatment of covered joint resolu-12 TION OF OTHER HOUSE.— 13 (A) IN GENERAL.—If the Senate receives 14 from the House of Representatives a covered 15 joint resolution, the covered joint resolution of 16 the House of Representatives shall be entitled 17 to expedited floor procedures under this section, 18 without regard to whether Senate introduced or 19 considered a covered joint resolution relating to 20 the applicable covered Supreme Court decision. 21 LIMITATION ON MULTIPLE MEAS-22 URES.—If a covered joint resolution with re-23 spect to a covered Supreme Court decision re-24 ceived from the House of Representatives is 25 considered in the Senate under the procedures

1	under this section, it shall not be in order in
2	the Senate to move to proceed to any other cov-
3	ered joint resolution with respect to the covered
4	Supreme Court decision that is received from
5	the House of Representatives.
6	(2) Vetoes.—If the President vetoes a covered
7	joint resolution, consideration of a veto message in
8	the Senate under this section shall be not more than
9	2 hours equally divided between the majority and
10	minority leaders or their designees.
11	(g) Rules of House of Representatives and
12	SENATE.—Paragraphs (2) and (3) of subsection (a) and
13	subsections (b) through (f) are enacted by Congress—
14	(1) as an exercise of the rulemaking power of
15	the Senate and House of Representatives, respec-
16	tively, and as such are deemed a part of the rules
17	of each House, respectively, but applicable only with
18	respect to the procedure to be followed in that
19	House in the case of a covered joint resolution, and
20	supersede other rules only to the extent that they
21	are inconsistent with such rules; and
22	(2) with full recognition of the constitutional
23	right of either House to change the rules (so far as
24	relating to the procedure of that House) at any time,

- 1 in the same manner, and to the same extent as in
- 2 the case of any other rule of that House.

## 3 SEC. 4. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.

- 4 Nothing in this Act shall be construed to limit the
- 5 authority of the Senate or the House of Representatives
- 6 to consider and enact legislation relating to covered provi-
- 7 sions of Federal statute or rights under the Constitution
- 8 of the United States under other applicable procedures.