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# H. R. 1205

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 13, 2019

Mrs. MURPHY (for herself and Mr. FITZPATRICK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Rules, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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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 “Keep Congress Work-  
5 ing Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON ADJOURNMENT.**

2 Section 309 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974  
3 is amended by inserting “(a) JULY RECESS.—” and by  
4 adding at the end the following new subsection:

5 “(b) MOTION TO ADJOURN DURING LAPSES IN AP-  
6 PROPRIATIONS.—It shall not be in order in the House of  
7 Representatives or the Senate to adjourn for a period of  
8 more than 12 hours during any lapse in appropriations  
9 for all or part of the Government.”.

10 **SEC. 3. WAIVERS AND APPEALS.**

11 Subsections (c)(1) and (d)(2) of section 904 of the  
12 Congressional Budget Act of 1974 are amended by insert-  
13 ing “309(b),” after “306,”.

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