

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1121

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to clarify the contempt authority of immigration judges, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 18, 2021

Mr. GALLAGHER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to clarify the contempt authority of immigration judges, 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 “Empowering Immigra-
5 tion Courts Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. CONTEMPT AUTHORITY OF IMMIGRATION JUDGES.**

7 Section 240(b)(1) of the Immigration and Nationality
8 Act (8 U.S.C. 1229a(b)(1)) is amended by striking
9 “(under regulations prescribed by the Attorney General)
10 to sanction by civil money penalty any action (or inaction)

1 in contempt of the judge's proper exercise of authority
2 under this Act" and inserting "to sanction by fine con-
3 tempt of its authority in accordance with section 401 of
4 title 18, United States Code".

○