

158TH HOUSE
2ND SESSION

H.R. 14

To permanently establish the provisions for the sine die adjournments of the First and Second Sessions of each term of Congress.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DATE: November 8, 2022

Congressman Zach LeMaire (for himself), proposed this bill to the House and was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

A BILL

To permanently establish the provisions for the sine die adjournments of the First and Second Sessions of each term of Congress.

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

Section 1. Short Title

- A. This Act may be cited as the “Congressional Adjournment Act of 2022”.

SEC. 2 - Convening of the First Session of Congress

- A. On the Twelfth day of every month at 12:00 PM Eastern Time, both chambers of Congress shall convene for the First Session of the new Congress.

SEC. 3 - Adjournment Sine Die of the First Session of Congress

- A. On the Twenty-Sixth day of every month, whenever the House of Representatives and Senate adjourn anytime after 12:00 PM Eastern Time, the First Session shall stand adjourned sine die until the convening of the Second Session as per Section 4 of this Act.
- B. Should either the House of Representatives or Senate fail to adjourn the First Session of Congress sine die by 11:59:59 PM Eastern Time, it shall be considered adjourned sine die until the convening of the Second Session as per Section 4 of this Act.

SEC. 4 - Convening of the Second Session of Congress

- A. On the Twenty-Seventh day of every month at 8:00 AM Eastern Time, both chambers of Congress shall convene for the Second Session of the term’s Congress.

SEC. 5 - Adjournment Sine Die of the Second Session of Congress

- A. On the Eleventh day of every month, whenever the House of Representatives and Senate adjourn anytime after 12:00 PM Eastern Time, the Second Session shall stand adjourned sine die until the convening of the First Session of the new Congress as per Section 2 of this Act.
- B. Should either the House of Representatives or Senate fail to adjourn the Second Session of Congress sine die by 11:59:59 PM Eastern Time, it shall be considered adjourned sine die until the convening of the First Session of the new Congress as per Section 2 of this Act.

SEC. 6 - Conflicting Laws

- A. All laws that conflict with this one are hereby null and void.

SEC. 7 - WHEN EFFECTIVE

- A. This Act shall take effect immediately upon passage.