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1ST SESSION

H. R. 1647

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 14, 2005

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida (for himself, Mr. HONDA, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Ms. LEE, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. STARK, and Mr. JEFFERSON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

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 “Election Weekend
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. CHANGE IN GENERAL ELECTION DATE.**

7 (a) ELECTORS.—Section 1 of title 3, United States
8 Code, is amended by striking “on the Tuesday next after

1 the first Monday in November” and inserting “on the first
2 consecutive Saturday and Sunday in November”.

3 (b) CONGRESSIONAL ELECTIONS.—Section 25 of the
4 Revised Statutes of the United States (2 U.S.C. 7) is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 “SEC. 25. The first consecutive Saturday and Sunday
7 in November in every even numbered year are established
8 as the days for the election, in each of the States and Ter-
9 ritories of the United States, of Representatives and Dele-
10 gates to the Congress commencing on the 3d day of Janu-
11 ary thereafter.”.

12 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
13 this section shall apply with respect to regularly scheduled
14 general elections for Federal office held in November 2006
15 and each second year thereafter.

16 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING TREATMENT OF**
17 **DAY BY PRIVATE EMPLOYERS.**

18 It is the sense of Congress that private employers in
19 the United States should give their employees a day off
20 on either day of the first consecutive Saturday and Sunday
21 in November in 2006 and each second year thereafter to
22 enable the employees to cast votes in the Federal and
23 other elections held on that day.

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