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To permit the States in the Pacific time zone to temporarily adjust the standard time in response to the energy crisis.

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Mr. SHERMAN (for himself, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. GARY MILLER of California, Mr. FILNER, Mr. HUNTER, Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD, Ms. WOOLSEY, Ms. BERKLEY, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. HONDA, and Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Energy Time Adjust-
5 ment Authorization Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds that—

1 (1) the State of California is experiencing an
2 energy crisis that imperils commercial and residen-
3 tial energy consumers throughout the State;

4 (2) the energy crisis has the potential to spread
5 to other States, especially States in the Pacific time
6 zone;

7 (3) States have a responsibility to employ all
8 means of energy reduction that will alleviate pres-
9 sure on their energy infrastructure;

10 (4) the observance of daylight savings time re-
11 sults in significant reductions in energy use and was
12 widely used in the 20th century as an energy reduc-
13 tion tool;

14 (5) section 3 of the Uniform Time Act of 1966
15 (15 U.S.C. 260a) allows States to exempt themselves
16 from observance of daylight savings time and to ob-
17 serve standard time year-round, but does not allow
18 States to observe daylight savings time year-round;
19 and

20 (6) the States in the Pacific time zone would
21 greatly benefit from having the option of adjusting
22 the standard time during the energy crisis.

23 **SEC. 3. AUTHORITY.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the Act of
25 March 19, 1918 (15 U.S.C. 261–264), if the Legislature

1 of any of the States of California, Nevada, Oregon, or
2 Washington makes a finding that adjusting the standard
3 time is necessary to help alleviate the energy crisis, the
4 Legislature of such State may make any adjustments to
5 the standard time, on a statewide basis, as it considers
6 necessary.

7 (b) **SUBSEQUENT STATE AUTHORITY.**—The Legisla-
8 ture of any State referred to in subsection (a) may make
9 the same adjustment made by any other State that has
10 acted under subsection (a), without making the finding re-
11 quired by that subsection.

12 **SEC. 4. STANDARD TIME.**

13 For the purposes of the Act of March 19, 1918 (15
14 U.S.C. 261–264), adjusted time implemented pursuant to
15 section 3 of this Act shall be considered the standard time
16 in those States where it is in effect.

17 **SEC. 5. EXPIRATION.**

18 The authority to have adjusted time in effect pursu-
19 ant to section 3 shall expire after December 31, 2003.

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