

S 2716

A bill to modify the authority of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to conduct investigations, to increase the criminal penalties for violations of the Federal Power Act and the Natural Gas Act, and to authorize the Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to contract for consultant services.

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Policy Area: Energy

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]

Party: Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 10, 2002

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jul 10, 2002)

Amends the Natural Gas Act and the Federal Power Act to: (1) provide that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) is not subject to the consent of the Office of Management and Budget or any other Federal agency when it elects to exercise its investigative authority; and (2) increase criminal penalties for violations of these Acts.

Amends the Department of Energy Organization Act to authorize the Chairman of FERC to contract for consultant services to assist the Commission in carrying out its responsibilities.

States that in contracting for those services the Chairman shall not be subject to any law relating to conflicts of interest.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 10, 2002:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 10, 2002:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S6575)
- **Jul 10, 2002:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.