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Energy Policy Act of 2003

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** NM • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Reported Original Measure	May 6, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

No subjects or policy tags are listed for this bill.

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HR 6	Related bill	Nov 21, 2003: Motion by Senator Frist to reconsider the vote by which cloture on the conference report to accompnay H. R. 6 was not invoked (Roll Call Vote No. 456) entered in Senate.
108 S 14	Related bill	Jul 31, 2003: Returned to the Calendar. Calendar No. 79. (consideration: CR 8/1/2003 S10589)
108 HR 1644	Related bill	Apr 9, 2003: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 42.

Energy Policy Act of 2003 - Sets forth a program to spur diverse energy research and production.

Amends the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to make permanent: (1) the authority of the Secretary of Energy to operate the Strategic Petroleum Reserve; and (2) standby energy authorities regarding the International Energy Program, including summer fill and fuel budgeting programs.

Sets forth a program for the payment of oil and gas royalties in kind.

Mandates Federal remediation and closure for orphaned, abandoned, or idled oil and gas wells on Federal lands.

Extends suspension of royalties (royalty relief) to: (1) oil and gas production from marginal properties; (2) deep water production of oil and gas; (3) Alaska offshore oil and gas production; (4) deep well production of natural gas in the Gulf of Mexico; and (5) ultra deep gas wells.

Amends the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to authorize easements on Federal lands on which easements are otherwise prohibited in order to support energy production, including oil and natural gas exploration and development.

National Energy Data Preservation Program Act of 2003 - Instructs the Secretary of the Interior to implement a National Energy Data Preservation Program.

Requires the President and the Secretaries of the Interior and of Energy to expedite the Federal decision-making process for access to Federal lands for energy projects.

Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline Act - Prescribes parameters for Federal Energy Regulatory Commission authorization of an Alaska natural gas transportation project and pipeline expansion following an expedited approval process.

Instructs the Secretary of Labor to award grants to the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development to train adult and dislocated workers in the skills required to construct and operate an Alaska gas pipeline system.

Authorizes the Secretary of Energy to offer Federal loan guarantees for specified infrastructure projects.

Sets forth a Clean Coal Power Initiative campaign that includes grants to universities to establish Centers of Excellence for Energy Systems of the Future.

Modifies statutory constraints governing Federal coal leases, including acreage limitations, mining plans, and advance royalty payments.

Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act of 2003 - Amends the Department of Energy Organization Act and the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to establish the Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs to promote comprehensive Indian energy activities and tribal energy resource development.

Price-Anderson Amendments Act of 2003 - Amends the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to modify and extend indemnification authority and liability limits for Nuclear Regulatory Commission licensees and contractors.

Nuclear Energy Finance Act of 2003 - Authorizes the Secretary of Energy to provide financial assistance to supplement private-sector financing projects needed for energy security, fuel, technology diversity, or clean air attainment goals.

Instructs the Secretary of Energy to establish an Advanced Reactor Hydrogen Co-Generation Project.

Amends the USEC Privatization Act to revise prescriptions governing uranium sales and transfers.

Amends the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to prescribe incentive payments for renewable energy production facilities.

Amends the Federal Power Act to prescribe guidelines for hydroelectric licensing applicants to propose alternative conditions and requirements for project works within a Federal reservation.

Amends the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 to revamp guidelines governing leasing and permitting for geothermal development of public and National Forest System lands, including those withdrawn for military purposes.

Establishes a grant program for biomass commercial utilization.

Amends the National Energy Conservation Policy Act to revise energy reduction goals and performance requirements for Federal buildings.

Institutes grant programs for: (1) low-income community energy efficiency; and (2) energy efficient public buildings.

Revises energy conservation standards for: (1) additional consumer products; (2) affordable housing and assisted housing; and (3) Federal Housing Administration (FHA) mortgage insurance incentives for energy efficient housing.

Sets forth a transportation fuels program using alternative fuels for dual-fueled vehicles and fuel credits for: (1) medium and heavy duty dedicated vehicles; (2) alternative fuel infrastructure investments; and (3) hybrid motor vehicles.

Amends Federal transportation law to revise automobile fuel economy standards, including Federal fleet fuel economy.

George E. Brown, Jr. and Robert S. Walker Hydrogen Future Act of 2003 - Amends the Spark M. Matsunaga Hydrogen Research, Development, and Demonstration Act of 1990 to revamp guidelines governing hydrogen research and development, including fuel cells and related infrastructure for transportation (hydrogen vehicle demonstration program) and for commercial, industrial, residential, and electric power generation applications.

Requires certain-size Federal agencies to submit a comprehensive hydrogen transition strategic plan to Congress.

Energy Research, Development, Demonstration, and Commercial Application Act of 2003 - Directs the Secretary of Energy to conduct programs of energy research, development, demonstration, and commercial application that target: (1) energy efficiency; (2) diversity of energy supply; (3) decreasing dependence on foreign energy; (4) energy security; and (5) decreasing environmental impact of energy-related activities.

Directs the Secretary of Energy to implement Initiatives that target research, development, and commercial application in the following areas: (1) energy efficiency; (2) distributed energy and electric energy systems; (3) renewable energy; (4) nuclear energy; (5) fossil energy; (6) science; (7) energy and environment; (8) coal technology loans; (9) electricity reliability standards and transmission access; (10) regional markets; and (11) market transparency and manipulation.

Repeals the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935.

Actions Timeline

- **May 6, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 6, 2003:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Original measure reported to Senate by Senator Domenici. With written report No. 108-43. Minority views filed.
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- **May 6, 2003:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 87.
- **Apr 30, 2003:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources ordered to be reported an original measure.