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A bill to provide for the establishment of a strategic refinery reserve, and for other purposes.

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Sponsor

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Referred To	Nov 9, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Directs the Secretary of Energy to establish and operate a Strategic Refinery Reserve.

Authorizes the Secretary to contract for: (1) the construction or operation of new refineries; or (2) the acquisition or reopening of closed refineries.

Instructs the Secretary to operate the Reserve to provide petroleum products to: (1) the federal government (including the Department of Defense); (2) any state governments and their political subdivisions that opt to purchase refined petroleum products from the Reserve; and (3) the general public during certain emergency periods.

Directs the Secretary to ensure that refineries in the Reserve are designed to provide a rapid increase in production capacity during such emergency periods.

Requires a refinery owner or operator to notify the Secretary, with an explanation, not later than 180 days before permanently closing a refinery in the United States. Requires the Secretary to report the notification and explanation to Congress, together with an analysis of the effects of the proposed closing.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 9, 2005:** Introduced in Senate
- **Nov 9, 2005:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S12608-12609)
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