HR 6346

Federal Price Gouging Prevention Act

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Chamber: House
Policy Area: Commerce
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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** MI • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 23, 2008
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 23, 2008
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Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Commerce

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HR 1252	Related bill	**Jun 5, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Healthy Families and Communities.

Summary (as of Jun 23, 2008)

Federal Price Gouging Prevention Act - Makes it unlawful, during a period proclaimed by the President as an energy emergency, to sell gasoline or any other petroleum distillate at a price that: (1) is unconscionably excessive; or (2) indicates the seller is taking unfair advantage of the circumstances of an emergency to increase prices unreasonably.

Authorizes the President to issue an energy emergency proclamation of up to 30 days, with renewals allowed, and to cite the geographic area, gasoline or other petroleum distillate, and time period covered.

Authorizes a proclamation to include a period of up to one week preceding a reasonably foreseeable emergency.

Exempts from this Act a sale of gasoline or other petroleum distillate transaction on a futures market.

Empowers the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and state attorneys general to enforce this Act and provides for civil and criminal penalties, limiting the criminal penalty to criminal actions brought by the Department of Justice (DOJ).

Allows a state to bring a civil action to enforce this Act or to impose civil penalties.

Requires deposit of fines and penalties collected under this Act in a separate Consumer Relief Trust Fund fund in the Treasury to provide assistance under the Low Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP) Program.

Declares that nothing in this Act preempts state law.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 24, 2008:** Mr. Stupak moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jun 24, 2008:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5934-5940)
- **Jun 24, 2008:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 6346.
- **Jun 24, 2008:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Jun 24, 2008:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H5964-5965)
- **Jun 24, 2008:** Failed of passage/not agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Failed by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 276 - 146 (Roll no. 448).(text: CR H5934-5935)
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- **Jun 23, 2008:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 23, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection.
- **Jun 23, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality.
- **Jun 23, 2008:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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