

HR 3301

North American Energy Infrastructure Act

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Rep. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND-At Large]	R · ND		Oct 22, 2013
Rep. Cuellar, Henry [D-TX-28]	D · TX		Oct 22, 2013
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Rep. Green, Gene [D-TX-29]	D · TX		Oct 22, 2013
Rep. Hinojosa, Ruben [D-TX-15]	D · TX		Oct 22, 2013
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Rep. McMorris Rodgers, Cathy [R-WA-5]	R · WA		Oct 22, 2013
Rep. Peterson, Collin C. [D-MN-7]	D · MN		Oct 22, 2013
Rep. Pompeo, Mike [R-KS-4]	R · KS		Oct 22, 2013
Rep. Terry, Lee [R-NE-2]	R · NE		Oct 22, 2013
Rep. Vela, Filemon [D-TX-34]	D · TX		Oct 22, 2013
Rep. Whitfield, Ed [R-KY-1]	R · KY		Oct 22, 2013
Rep. Latta, Robert E. [R-OH-5]	R · OH		Oct 30, 2013
Rep. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA-6]	R · LA		Jan 27, 2014
Rep. Walorski, Jackie [R-IN-2]	R · IN		Feb 3, 2014
Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-12]	R · FL		May 9, 2014
Rep. Walberg, Tim [R-MI-7]	R · MI		Jun 10, 2014

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Reported by	Nov 20, 2013
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 24, 2013
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 23, 2013

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Energy

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 HR 2	Related bill	Nov 17, 2014: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 601.
113 S 2823	Related bill	Sep 16, 2014: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
113 HR 5360	Related bill	Sep 15, 2014: Referred to the Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation.
113 HRES 636	Related bill	Jun 24, 2014: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

North American Energy Infrastructure Act - (Sec. 3) Prohibits any person from constructing, connecting, operating, or maintaining a cross-border segment of an oil or natural gas pipeline or electric transmission facility at the national boundary of the United States for the import or export of oil, natural gas, or electricity to or from Canada or Mexico without obtaining a certificate of crossing under this Act.

Requires the Secretary of State, with respect to oil pipelines, or the Secretary of Energy (DOE), with respect to electric transmission facilities, to issue a certificate of crossing for the cross-border segment within 120 days after final action is taken under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), unless it is not in U.S. public interest.

Directs DOE, as a condition of issuing a certificate, to require that the cross-border segment be constructed, connected, operated, or maintained consistent with the policies and standards of: (1) the Electric Reliability Organization and the applicable regional entity, and (2) any Regional Transmission Organization or Independent System Operator with operational or functional control over the segment.

Exempts from such requirement any construction, connection, operation, or maintenance of a cross-border segment if: (1) it is operating for import, export, or electrical transmission upon the date of enactment of this Act; (2) the relevant permit or certificate of crossing has previously been issued under this Act; or (3) an permit application is pending on the date of enactment of this Act, until it is denied or July 1, 2016, whichever occurs first.

Retains: (1) the requirement to obtain approval or authorization under the Natural Gas Act for the siting, construction, or operation of any facility to import or export natural gas, and (2) certain authority of the President under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (EPCA).

(Sec. 4) Amends the Natural Gas Act to declare that no order of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) is required for the export or import of natural gas to or from Canada or Mexico.

(Sec. 5) Amends the Federal Power Act to repeal the requirement that the transmission of electric energy to a foreign country necessitates prior authorization by FERC.

(Sec. 6) Declares that no Presidential permit shall be necessary for the construction, connection, operation, or maintenance of an oil or natural gas pipeline or electric transmission facility, including any cross-border segment.

(Sec. 7) Declares that no certificate of crossing or permit shall be required for a modification to the construction, connection, operation, or maintenance of an oil or natural gas pipeline or electric transmission facility that: (1) operates for the import or export of oil or natural gas or the transmission of electricity to or from Canada or Mexico as of the date of enactment of this Act; (2) for which a permit for such construction, connection, operation, or maintenance has been issued; or (3) for which a certificate of crossing for the cross-border segment of the pipeline or facility has previously been issued.

(Sec. 8) Sets forth deadlines for rulemaking.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 26, 2014:** Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 442.
- **Jun 25, 2014:** Received in the Senate. Read the first time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under Read the First Time.
- **Jun 24, 2014:** Rule H. Res. 636 passed House.
- **Jun 24, 2014:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 636. (consideration: CR H5665-5676)
- **Jun 24, 2014:** The resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 6 and H.R. 3301. For H.R. 6, one hour of general debate and amendments are confined to those printed in part A of the report accompanying the resolution. For H.R. 3301, one hour of general debate and amendments are confined to those printed in part B of the report accompanying the resolution.
- **Jun 24, 2014:** House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union pursuant to H. Res. 636 and Rule XVIII.
- **Jun 24, 2014:** The Speaker designated the Honorable Diane Black to act as Chairwoman of the Committee.
- **Jun 24, 2014:** GENERAL DEBATE - The Committee of the Whole proceeded with one hour of general debate on H.R. 3301.
- **Jun 24, 2014:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 636, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Pallone (NJ) part B amendment No. 1.
- **Jun 24, 2014:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Pallone part B amendment No. 1, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Pallone demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until a time to be announced.
- **Jun 24, 2014:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 636, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Waxman (CA) part B amendment No. 2.
- **Jun 24, 2014:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Waxman part B amendment No. 2, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Waxman demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until a time to be announced.
- **Jun 24, 2014:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 636, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Welch (VT) part B amendment No. 3.
- **Jun 24, 2014:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Welch part B amendment No. 3, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Welch demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until a time to be announced.
- **Jun 24, 2014:** Mr. Whitfield moved that the Committee rise.
- **Jun 24, 2014:** On motion that the Committee rise Agreed to by voice vote.
- **Jun 24, 2014:** Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union rises leaving H.R. 3301 as unfinished business.
- **Jun 24, 2014:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H5683-5688)
- **Jun 24, 2014:** The House resolved into Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for further consideration.
- **Jun 24, 2014:** UNFINISHED BUSINESS - The Chair announced that the unfinished business was on adoption of amendments, which had been debated earlier, and on which further proceedings had been postponed.
- **Jun 24, 2014:** The House rose from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union to report H.R. 3301.
- **Jun 24, 2014:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule. (consideration: CR H5686)
- **Jun 24, 2014:** The House adopted the amendment as agreed to by the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union. (text of measure as reported in House: CR H5672)
- **Jun 24, 2014:** Mr. Schneider moved to recommit with instructions to the Committee on Energy and Commerce. (consideration: CR H5686-5687; text: CR H5686)
- **Jun 24, 2014:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Schneider motion to recommit with instructions. The instructions contained in the motion seek to require the bill to be reported back to the House with an amendment to add a new section titled Protecting the Great Lakes and Our Nation's Drinking Water Supply.
- **Jun 24, 2014:** The previous question on the motion to recommit with instructions was ordered without objection. (consideration: CR H5687)
- **Jun 24, 2014:** On motion to recommit with instructions Failed by recorded vote: 185 - 227 (Roll no. 353). (consideration:

- **Jun 24, 2014:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by recorded vote: 238 - 173 (Roll no. 354).
- **Jun 24, 2014:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 24, 2014:** On passage Passed by recorded vote: 238 - 173 (Roll no. 354).
- **Jun 23, 2014:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 636 Reported to House. For H.R. 6, one hour of general debate and amendments are confined to those printed in part A of the report accompanying this resolution. For H.R. 3301, one hour of general debate and amendments are confined to those printed in part B of the report accompanying this resolution.
- **Jun 19, 2014:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 113-482, Part I.
- **Jun 19, 2014:** Committee on Transportation discharged.
- **Jun 19, 2014:** Committee on Natural Resources discharged.
- **Jun 19, 2014:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 358.
- **May 8, 2014:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 8, 2014:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 31 - 19.
- **May 7, 2014:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Nov 20, 2013:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Nov 20, 2013:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by the Yeas and Nays: 19 - 10 .
- **Nov 19, 2013:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Oct 25, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Power.
- **Oct 24, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation.
- **Oct 23, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.
- **Oct 22, 2013:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 22, 2013:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, and Natural Resources, 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.