

## HR 2042

Ratepayer Protection Act of 2015

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Environmental Protection

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Rep. Smith, Lamar [R-TX-21]	R · TX		Jun 16, 2015

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	May 1, 2015

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 1324	Related bill	<b>Oct 29, 2015:</b> Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 283.
114 HRES 333	Procedurally related	<b>Jun 24, 2015:</b> Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

## **Ratepayer Protection Act of 2015**

(Sec. 2) This bill extends compliance deadlines for rules under the Clean Air Act that address carbon dioxide emissions from existing fossil fuel-fired power plants pending final judicial review. This extension applies to any final rule that succeeds either:

- the proposed rule entitled "Carbon Pollution Emission Guidelines for Existing Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units"; or
- the supplemental proposed rule entitled "Carbon Pollution Emission Guidelines for Existing Stationary Sources: EGUs in Indian Country and U.S. Territories; Multi-Jurisdictional Partnerships."

The extension period begins 60 days after the notice of promulgation of a final rule appears in the Federal Register and ends when the rule is no longer subject to judicial appeal or review.

The bill urges the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in promulgating, implementing, or enforcing the rules, to address how the megawatt hours discharged from a pumped hydroelectric storage system will be incorporated into implementation plans adopted pursuant to the rules.

(Sec. 3) A state is not required to submit or follow an implementation plan that addresses carbon dioxide emissions from existing power plants if it determines that the plan would have a significant adverse effect on: (1) the state's residential, commercial, or industrial ratepayers; or (2) the reliability of the state's electricity system.

(Sec. 4) The EPA must treat hydropower as renewable energy when implementing or enforcing the rules.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jul 14, 2016:** Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 569.
- **Jun 25, 2015:** Received in the Senate.
- **Jun 24, 2015:** Rule H. Res. 333 passed House.
- **Jun 24, 2015:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 333. (consideration: CR H4617-4633; text of amendment in the nature of a substitute CR H4624-4625)
- **Jun 24, 2015:** Resolution provides for a modified open rule for H.R. 2822; a structured rule for H.R. 2042; and provides for proceedings of the House during the period from June 26, 2015, through July 6, 2015.
- **Jun 24, 2015:** House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union pursuant to H. Res. 333 and Rule XVIII.
- **Jun 24, 2015:** The Speaker designated the Honorable John J. Duncan, Jr. to act as Chairman of the Committee.
- **Jun 24, 2015:** GENERAL DEBATE - The Committee of the Whole proceeded with one hour of general debate on H.R. 2042.
- **Jun 24, 2015:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 333, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Pallone amendment No. 1.
- **Jun 24, 2015:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Pallone amendment, 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, 2015:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 333, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Rush amendment No. 2.
- **Jun 24, 2015:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Rush amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Rush 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, 2015:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 333, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Huizenga amendment No. 3.
- **Jun 24, 2015:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 333, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the McNerney amendment No. 4.
- **Jun 24, 2015:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the McNerney amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. McNerney 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, 2015:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 333, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Newhouse amendment No. 5.
- **Jun 24, 2015:** The House rose from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union to report H.R. 2042.
- **Jun 24, 2015:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule. (consideration: CR H4632)
- **Jun 24, 2015:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by recorded vote: 247 - 180 (Roll no. 384).
- **Jun 24, 2015:** On passage Passed by recorded vote: 247 - 180 (Roll no. 384).
- **Jun 24, 2015:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 23, 2015:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 333 Reported to House. Resolution provides for a modified open rule for H.R. 2822; a structured rule for H.R. 2042; and provides for proceedings of the House during the period from June 26, 2015, through July 6, 2015.
- **Jun 19, 2015:** Reported by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 114-171.
- **Jun 19, 2015:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 126.
- **Apr 29, 2015:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 29, 2015:** Ordered to be Reported by the Yeas and Nays: 28 - 22.
- **Apr 28, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 28, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
- **Apr 28, 2015:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.