

## HR 3062

### APPROVAL Act

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Energy

**Introduced:** Jul 14, 2015

**Current Status:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 669.

**Latest Action:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 669. (Dec 8, 2016)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-bill/3062>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Womack, Steve [R-AR-3]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** AR • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Crawford, Eric A. "Rick" [R-AR-1]	R · AR		Jul 14, 2015
Rep. Hill, J. French [R-AR-2]	R · AR		Jul 14, 2015
Rep. Westerman, Bruce [R-AR-4]	R · AR		Jul 14, 2015

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Discharged From	Dec 8, 2016
Natural Resources Committee	House	Discharged from	Jun 14, 2016

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Energy

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 485	Identical bill	May 14, 2015: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 114-65.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary has been expanded because action occurred on the measure.)

### **Assuring Private Property Rights Over Vast Access to Land Act or the APPROVAL Act**

(Sec. 2) This bill amends the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to prohibit the Department of Energy and the Southwestern and Western Area Power Administration from using the power of eminent domain to implement modernization of electricity transmission infrastructure, unless they have received explicit permission to do so by: (1) the state governor and the head of each applicable public utility commission or public service commission of the affected state, and (2) the head of the governing body of each Indian tribe whose land would be affected.

An electricity transmission infrastructure project, to the greatest extent practicable, must be sited upon either an existing federal right-of-way or upon federal land managed by either: (1) the Bureau of Land Management, (2) the Forest Service, (3) the Bureau of Reclamation, or (4) the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Dec 8, 2016:** Reported by the Committee on 114-856, Part I.
- **Dec 8, 2016:** Referred sequentially to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce for a period ending not later than Dec. 8, 2016 for consideration of such provisions of the bill as fall within the jurisdiction of that committee pursuant to clause 1(f) of rule X..
- **Dec 8, 2016:** Committee on Energy and Commerce discharged.
- **Dec 8, 2016:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 669.
- **Jun 15, 2016:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 15, 2016:** Ordered to be Reported by the Yeas and Nays: 19 - 11.
- **Jun 14, 2016:** Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans Discharged.
- **Jun 14, 2016:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Oct 28, 2015:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Aug 31, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans.
- **Jul 14, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 14, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.