

## S 2602

### USE IT Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Environmental Protection

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**Latest Action:** By Senator Barrasso from Committee on Environment and Public Works filed written report. Report No. 115-328. (Sep 4, 2018)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Barrasso, John [R-WY]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** WY • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]	R · WV		Mar 22, 2018
Sen. Heitkamp, Heidi [D-ND]	D · ND		Mar 22, 2018
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Mar 22, 2018
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		May 21, 2018
Sen. Enzi, Michael B. [R-WY]	R · WY		Jun 19, 2018
Sen. Manchin, Joe, III [D-WV]	D · WV		Jul 19, 2018

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Reported By	May 24, 2018

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 7347	Related bill	<b>Dec 20, 2018:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.

## **Utilizing Significant Emissions with Innovative Technologies Act or the USE IT Act**

This bill amends the Clean Air Act to require the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to establish: (1) a competitive prize program for certain technology projects that capture carbon dioxide directly from the air, and (2) a Direct Air Capture Technology Advisory Board to advise the EPA on carrying out the program.

The EPA must: (1) carry out a research and development program for carbon dioxide utilization to promote technologies that transform carbon dioxide generated by industrial processes into a product of commercial value, and (2) support activities relating to carbon dioxide utilization by providing technical and financial assistance.

The bill amends the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act to apply the Act's accelerated environmental review and permitting procedures to the construction of infrastructure that captures, utilizes, or sequesters carbon dioxide and the construction of carbon dioxide pipelines.

The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) must submit guidance to relevant federal agencies. The guidance must: (1) facilitate reviews associated with the deployment of carbon capture, utilization, and sequestration projects and carbon dioxide pipelines; and (2) support the efficient, orderly, and responsible development of the projects and pipelines.

The CEQ must also establish at least two regional task forces to: (1) identify permitting challenges that permitting authorities and project developers and operators face, and (2) improve the performance of the permitting process and regional coordination.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Sep 4, 2018:** By Senator Barrasso from Committee on Environment and Public Works filed written report. Report No. 115-328.
- **May 24, 2018:** Committee on Environment and Public Works. Reported by Senator Barrasso with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **May 24, 2018:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 435.
- **May 22, 2018:** Committee on Environment and Public Works. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Apr 11, 2018:** Committee on Environment and Public Works. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 115-456.
- **Mar 22, 2018:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 22, 2018:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.