

## HR 2872

### Promoting Hydropower Development at Existing Nonpowered Dams Act

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Energy

**Introduced:** Jun 12, 2017

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (Dec 13, 2017)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/2872>

### Sponsor

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

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Reported by	Oct 26, 2017
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Referred To	Dec 13, 2017
Natural Resources Committee	House	Discharged From	Dec 12, 2017
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Discharged From	Dec 12, 2017

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Energy

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 3021	Related bill	<b>Oct 23, 2018:</b> Became Public Law No: 115-270.
115 S 2655	Related bill	<b>Apr 12, 2018:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
115 HR 4696	Related bill	<b>Dec 22, 2017:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy.

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(Sec. 2) This bill amends the Federal Power Act to authorize the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to establish an expedited licensing process for issuing and amending licenses and preliminary permits for any qualifying facility as defined by this bill.

In establishing the expedited process, FERC shall convene an interagency task force with appropriate federal and state agencies and Indian tribes to coordinate the regulatory process associated with the authorizations required to construct and operate a qualifying facility.

FERC must assess the safety of existing non-federal dams and other non-federal structures related to the qualifying facility before issuing any license for a qualifying facility.

FERC must coordinate with the Department of the Army, Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture to jointly develop a list of existing nonpowered federal dams that have the greatest potential for non-federal hydropower development.

(Sec. 3) Licensees of a qualifying facility are not required to pay an annual charge for administrative expenses until construction commences.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Dec 13, 2017:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
- **Dec 12, 2017:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 115-461, Part I.
- **Dec 12, 2017:** Referred jointly and sequentially to the House Committee on Natural Resources for a period ending not later than Dec. 12, 2017 for consideration of such provisions of the bill and amendment as fall within the jurisdiction of that committee under clause 1(m) of rule X.
- **Dec 12, 2017:** Referred jointly and sequentially to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure for a period ending not later than Dec. 12, 2017 for consideration of such provisions of the bill and amendment as fall within the jurisdiction of that committee under clause 1(r) of rule X.
- **Dec 12, 2017:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 343.
- **Dec 12, 2017:** Committee on Transportation discharged.
- **Dec 12, 2017:** Committee on Natural Resources discharged.
- **Dec 12, 2017:** Mr. Upton moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Dec 12, 2017:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H9809-9812)
- **Dec 12, 2017:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 2872.
- **Dec 12, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H9809)
- **Dec 12, 2017:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H9809)
- **Dec 12, 2017:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 6, 2017:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Dec 6, 2017:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Oct 26, 2017:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .
- **Jun 16, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy.
- **Jun 12, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 12, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.