

HR 2910

Promoting Interagency Coordination for Review of Natural Gas Pipelines Act

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Collins, Chris [R-NY-27]	R · NY		Jun 15, 2017
Rep. Johnson, Bill [R-OH-6]	R · OH		Jun 15, 2017
Rep. McKinley, David B. [R-WV-1]	R · WV		Jun 15, 2017
Rep. Olson, Pete [R-TX-22]	R · TX		Jun 15, 2017
Rep. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND-At Large]	R · ND		Jun 22, 2017
Rep. Sessions, Pete [R-TX-32]	R · TX		Jul 14, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 20, 2017
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Reported by	Jun 22, 2017

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HRES 454	Related bill	Jul 19, 2017: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

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(Sec. 2) This bill expands the authority of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to act as the lead agency for the purpose of coordinating all applicable federal authorizations and environmental reviews under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) with respect to authorizing a natural gas pipeline project under the Natural Gas Act.

Federal, state, and local agencies involved in the environmental review process must defer to FERC's approved scope for a NEPA review.

FERC must invite and designate the other participating agencies involved in the authorization process. A federal, state, or local agency may not participate if it informs FERC that it does not have the necessary authority or expertise, or does not intend to submit comments.

An agency that is not designated may not request or conduct an environmental review unless it is legally required to do so and the agency requires information that FERC could not obtain through its NEPA review.

The bill establishes a 90-day deadline to complete an authorization application for other authorizing agencies and requires concurrent reviews when multiple agencies are involved in the authorization process.

If a federal or state agency considering an aspect of an application for authorization requires the person applying for such authorization to submit data, the agency must consider any such data gathered by aerial or other remote means that the person submits.

FERC must track and publicly display on its website specific information related to the actions required to complete an authorization. The information shall include: (1) the review schedule established by FERC under the Natural Gas Act; (2) a list of all the actions required by each applicable agency to complete permitting, reviews, and other actions necessary to obtain a final decision on the application; (3) the expected completion date for each such action; (4) a point of contact at the agency responsible for each such action; and (5) in the event that an action is still pending as of the expected date of completion, a brief explanation of the reasons for the delay.

(Sec. 3) In considering an application for an authorization or a certificate of public convenience and necessity under the Natural Gas Act, FERC shall consult with the Transportation Security Administration regarding an applicant's compliance with security guidance and for best practice recommendations regarding pipeline infrastructure security, pipeline cybersecurity, pipeline personnel security, and other pipeline security measures.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 20, 2017:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- **Jul 19, 2017:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 454. (consideration: CR H6001-6010)
- **Jul 19, 2017:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 2910, H.R. 2883 and H.R. 218. The resolution makes in order at anytime on the legislative day of July 20, 2017, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules, relating to the bill H.R. 2825. Also the rule provides that the Committee on Appropriations may at any time before 5 p.m. on Friday, July 21, 2017, file privileged reports to accompany measures making appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018.
- **Jul 19, 2017:** House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union pursuant to H. Res. 454 and Rule XVIII.
- **Jul 19, 2017:** The Speaker designated the Honorable John J. Duncan, Jr. to act as Chairman of the Committee.
- **Jul 19, 2017:** GENERAL DEBATE - The Committee of the Whole proceeded with one hour of general debate on H.R. 2910.
- **Jul 19, 2017:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 454, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Tsongas amendment No. 1.
- **Jul 19, 2017:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Tsongas amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote announced that the noes had prevailed. Ms. Tsongas demanded a recorded vote, and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.
- **Jul 19, 2017:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 454, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Lynch amendment No. 2.
- **Jul 19, 2017:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 454, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Beyer amendment No. 3.
- **Jul 19, 2017:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Beyer amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Beyer demanded a recorded vote, and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.
- **Jul 19, 2017:** Mr. Upton moved that the Committee rise.
- **Jul 19, 2017:** On motion that the Committee rise Agreed to by voice vote.
- **Jul 19, 2017:** Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union rises leaving H.R. 2910 as unfinished business.
- **Jul 19, 2017:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H6023-6027)
- **Jul 19, 2017:** The House resolved into Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for further consideration.
- **Jul 19, 2017:** The House rose from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union to report H.R. 2910.
- **Jul 19, 2017:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.
- **Jul 19, 2017:** The House adopted the amendment in the nature of a substitute as agreed to by the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.
- **Jul 19, 2017:** Mrs. Watson Coleman moved to recommit with instructions to the Committee on Energy and Commerce. (text: CR H6025)
- **Jul 19, 2017:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Watson Coleman 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 at the end of the bill a section pertaining to no eminent domain authority under section 7(h) of such Act.
- **Jul 19, 2017:** The previous question on the motion to recommit with instructions was ordered without objection.
- **Jul 19, 2017:** On motion to recommit with instructions Failed by recorded vote: 189 - 239 (Roll no. 401).
- **Jul 19, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 248 - 179 (Roll no. 402).(text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR H6006-6007)
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- **Jul 19, 2017:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 18, 2017:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 454 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 2910, H.R. 2883 and H.R. 218. The resolution makes in order at anytime on the legislative day of July 20, 2017, for the

Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules, relating to the bill H.R. 2825. Also the rule provides that the Committee on Appropriations may at any time before 5 p.m. on Friday, July 21, 2017, file privileged reports to accompany measures making appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018.

- **Jul 17, 2017:** Reported by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 115-223.
- **Jul 17, 2017:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 158.
- **Jun 28, 2017:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 28, 2017:** Ordered to be Reported by the Yeas and Nays: 30 - 23.
- **Jun 22, 2017:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 22, 2017:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by the Yeas and Nays: 17 - 14 .
- **Jun 16, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy.
- **Jun 15, 2017:** Introduced in House
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