

## HR 3432

Safer Pipelines Act of 2019

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Transportation and Public Works

**Introduced:** Jun 24, 2019

**Current Status:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute by Voice Vote.

**Latest Action:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute by Voice Vote. (Nov 20, 2019)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** IL • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Reported by	Jun 26, 2019
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 25, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 5120	Related bill	<b>Dec 17, 2020:</b> Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 545.
116 HR 4700	Related bill	<b>Oct 17, 2019:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy.

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This bill addresses pipeline safety with respect to natural gas and hazardous liquid pipelines.

Among other things, the bill

- reauthorizes appropriations through FY2023 for pipeline safety activities;
- prioritizes assessment methods for transmission pipelines that can provide a greater level of safety than direct assessment, including the use of internal inspection devices or pressure testing;
- makes it mandatory for each operator of a transmission pipeline facility in a high consequence area to install automatic or remote shutoff valves;
- directs owners and operators of gas or hazardous liquid pipeline facilities to make critical operational information available to surrounding communities and first responders;
- increases civil penalties for violations and revises the criminal penalty standard from "knowingly and willfully" to "knowingly or recklessly"; and
- requires the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration to submit an annual report to Congress detailing its efforts to hire women, minorities, and veterans as inspectors since January 1, 2012.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Nov 20, 2019:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Nov 20, 2019:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute by Voice Vote.
- **Jun 26, 2019:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 26, 2019:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .
- **Jun 25, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.
- **Jun 24, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 24, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- **Jun 24, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy.
- **Jun 16, 2019:** Hearings Held by the Subcommittee on Energy Prior to Introduction and Referral.