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Ending Natural Gas Companies' Seizure of Land for Export Profits Act

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Committee Activity

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Subjects & Policy Tags

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This bill addresses jurisdiction of U.S. district courts over eminent domain proceedings and the use of eminent domain by the holder of a certificate of public convenience and necessity to acquire land or property with respect to natural gas pipelines.

Specifically, the bill

- provides that U.S. districts courts shall not have jurisdiction to condemn property in which a state owns any interest, and
- prohibits the holder of a certification of public convenience and necessity that authorizes construction and operation of a natural gas pipeline from exercising the right of eminent domain for a pipeline designed to export liquefied natural gas to a foreign country.

Actions Timeline

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