HR 5553

Crude by Rail Volatility Standard Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 9, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jan 8, 2020)

Crude by Rail Volatility Standard Act

This bill establishes a maximum volatility standard for crude oil.

Specifically, the bill

- prohibits the transportation by rail of crude oil with Reid vapor pressure (a measure of gasoline's volatility) of more than 9.5 pounds per square inch (the maximum volatility set by the New York Mercantile Exchange for crude oil futures contracts), and
- directs the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration to finalize a rule setting a maximum volatility standard for crude oil and other hazardous materials transported by rail.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 9, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.
- **Jan 8, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 8, 2020:** Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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