

HR 7370

GEO Act

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Energy

Introduced: Feb 15, 2024

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. (Sep 25, 2024)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/7370>

Sponsor

Name: Rep. Curtis, John R. [R-UT-3]

Party: Republican • **State:** UT • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 25, 2024
Natural Resources Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Mar 6, 2024

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Energy

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Sep 24, 2024)

Geothermal Energy Opportunity Act or the GEO Act

This bill expands the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 to establish a deadline for the Department of the Interior to process applications related to geothermal leases. Specifically, Interior must process each application for a geothermal drilling permit or other authorization under a valid existing geothermal lease within 60 days after completing all requirements under applicable federal laws and regulations (including the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the Endangered Species Act of 1973, and the National Historic Preservation Act) unless a U.S. federal court vacates or provides injunctive relief for the underlying lease.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 25, 2024:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
- **Sep 24, 2024:** Mr. Westerman moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 24, 2024:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5719-5720)
- **Sep 24, 2024:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 7370.
- **Sep 24, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H5719)
- **Sep 24, 2024:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H5719)
- **Sep 24, 2024:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 27, 2024:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 118-561.
- **Jun 27, 2024:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 463.
- **Apr 16, 2024:** Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources Discharged
- **Apr 16, 2024:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
- **Apr 16, 2024:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute by Unanimous Consent.
- **Mar 6, 2024:** Subcommittee Hearings Held
- **Mar 4, 2024:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- **Feb 15, 2024:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 15, 2024:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.