



COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE

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Throughout the 113th Congress, the House has pursued policies to realize the benefits of America's newfound energy abundance. We have passed dozens of bills to build a modern energy infrastructure, promote the safe and responsible production of America's energy resources, ensure all Americans have access to affordable and reliable electricity, promote efficient new technologies, and unleash the power of energy diplomacy. This week, the House will stand up in support of jobs and lower energy prices as we reaffirm our support for these commonsense energy solutions. **The American Energy Solutions for Lower Costs & More American Jobs Act** includes the following committee bills previously passed by the House that remain #StuckIntheSenate:

[The Northern Route Approval Act](#)

This is a commonsense solution to end the regulatory delays blocking construction of the Keystone XL pipeline and finally allow the job-creating project to proceed after nearly 6 years of review. The bill would eliminate the need for a Presidential Permit, address all other necessary federal permits, and limit litigation that could hold up the project.

[Natural Gas Pipeline Permitting Reform Act](#)

This legislation aims to help expedite and modernize the federal review process for natural gas pipeline permits to help facilitate the construction of new pipeline infrastructure needed to help transport the nation's growing natural gas supply to markets and consumers. To do this, the bill sets reasonable deadlines for review and helps hold agencies involved in the permitting process accountable.

[The North American Energy Infrastructure Act](#)

This is a bipartisan effort to create a more modern and efficient cross-border approval process for oil pipelines, natural gas pipelines, and electric transmission lines that traverse the borders of the United States. Implementing a fair and standardized approval process for cross-border energy projects will help bring certainty to the regulatory process, encourage investment in job-creating energy infrastructure and facilitate trade with our Canadian and Mexican allies. Importantly, this legislation will remove barriers to constructing the Architecture of Abundance necessary to realize our full energy potential and achieve North American energy independence.

[The Electricity Security and Affordability Act](#)

This legislation will protect an affordable and diverse electricity portfolio by providing a reasonable alternative to EPA's greenhouse gas rules for power plants. It would protect an all-of-the-above energy strategy by directing EPA to adopt workable standards for new coal-fired plants that require technologies that have been adequately demonstrated and are commercially feasible. It would also instruct Congress to set the effective date for EPA's regulations for existing plants.

[The Energy Consumers Relief Act](#)

This commonsense legislation will help protect consumers by increasing transparency for major EPA regulations that may drive up energy costs and destroy jobs. It requires that before EPA finalizes any new energy-related rules estimated to cost more than \$1 billion, the agency must submit a report to Congress detailing certain cost, benefit, energy price, and job impacts, and the Secretary of Energy, in consultation with other relevant agencies, must make a determination regarding the impacts of the rule. EPA would be prohibited from finalizing certain rules if the rule is determined to cause significant adverse effects to the economy.

[The Thermal Insulation Efficiency Improvement Act](#)

This legislation helps identify opportunities for federal agencies to use energy and water more efficiently. The bill requires the Department of Energy to evaluate and report potential energy savings available to federal agencies through greater use of thermal insulation.

[The Domestic Prosperity and Global Freedom Act](#)

This legislation will help speed up the Department of Energy's approval of U.S. liquefied natural gas (LNG) exports. Increasing U.S. LNG exports would help boost the U.S. economy while increasing global energy security, and this legislation would bring certainty to the export approval process to ensure the U.S. does not miss this window of opportunity.

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