111TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION H.R.3005

To expedite the increased supply and availability of energy to our Nation.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 23, 2009

Mr. GRAVES introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

To expedite the increased supply and availability of energy to our Nation.

1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-

2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

4 This Act may be cited as the "Streamlining Amer-5 ica's Various Energy Needs Act".

6 SEC. 2. POLICY.

7 It is the policy of the United States that executive 8 branch agencies should take appropriate actions, to the 9 extent consistent with applicable law, to expedite projects 10 that will increase the production, transmission, or con-11 servation of energy.

1 SEC.3. ACTIONS TO EXPEDITE ENERGY-RELATED2PROJECTS.

For energy-related projects, Federal agencies shall, to the extent consistent with applicable law, expedite their review of permits and take other actions as necessary to accelerate the completion of such projects, while maintaining safety, public health, and environmental protections. SEC. 4. INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE.

9 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established an inter-10 agency task force to—

(1) monitor and assist Federal agencies in their
efforts to comply with this Act; and

(2) monitor and assist such agencies in setting
up appropriate mechanisms to coordinate Federal,
State, tribal, and local permitting in geographic
areas where increased permitting activity is expected.

18 (b) COMPOSITION.—The task force shall be composed 19 of representatives from the Departments of State, the Treasury, Defense, Agriculture, Housing and Urban De-20 velopment, Justice, Commerce, Transportation, the Inte-21 22 rior, Labor, Education, Health and Human Services, En-23 ergy, and Veterans Affairs, the Environmental Protection 24 Agency, the Central Intelligence Agency, the General Services Administration, the Office of Management and Budg-25 et, the Council of Economic Advisers, the Domestic Policy 26 •HR 3005 IH

Council, and the National Economic Council, and such
 other representatives as the Chairman of the Council on
 Environmental Quality considers appropriate.

4 (c) CHAIR; ADMINISTRATION.—The task force shall
5 be chaired by the Chairman of the Council on Environ6 mental Quality and housed at the Department of Energy
7 for administrative purposes.

8 SEC. 5. JUDICIAL REVIEW.

9 Nothing in this Act shall affect judicial review of an 10 agency action. This Act is intended only to improve the 11 internal management of the Federal Government and does 12 not create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, 13 enforceable at law or equity by a party against the United 14 States, its agencies or instrumentalities, its officers or em-15 ployees, or any other person.

 \bigcirc