

Title-by-title summary for the American Energy Solutions for Lower Costs and More American Jobs Act

Division A, Energy and Commerce

Title I – Modernizing Infrastructure

Subtitle A – Northern Route Approval

Ensures the Keystone pipeline project moves forward by removing the requirement for a Presidential Permit and deeming the final State Department EIS from August 2011 to satisfy all NEPA and National Historic Preservation Act requirements.

Subtitle B – Natural Gas Pipeline Permitting Reform

Provides for the timely consideration of all licenses, permits, and approvals required under Federal law with respect to the siting, construction, expansion, or operation of any natural gas pipeline projects

Subtitle C – North American Energy Infrastructure

Creates a new approval process for oil and natural gas pipelines and electric transmission facilities that cross the national boundary between the U.S. and Canada or Mexico.

Title II – Maintaining Diverse Electricity Generation and Affordability

Subtitle A – Energy Consumers Relief

Prohibits the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from promulgating as final certain energy-related rules that are estimated to cost more than \$1 billion and will cause significant adverse effects to the economy.

Subtitle B – Electricity Security and Affordability

Ensures that any standards established by EPA for new power plants would be achievable based on technologies that have actually been demonstrated at commercial power plants, rather than based on what EPA expects will be demonstrated in the future.

Subtitle C – Report on Energy and Water Savings Potential from Thermal Insulation

Directs the Secretary of Energy (DOE) to submit a report within one year on the impact of thermal insulation on both energy and water use systems for potable hot and chilled water in federal buildings and on the return on investment of installing the insulation.

Title III – Unleashing Energy Diplomacy

Provides for expedited approval of exportation of natural gas to World Trade Organization countries

Division B, Natural Resources

Subdivision A – Lowering Gasoline Prices to Fuel and America That Works Act

Requires the Administration to move forward with new offshore energy production in areas containing the most oil and natural gas resources; Requires the Secretary of the Interior to conduct oil and natural gas lease sales that have been delayed or cancelled by the Administration and implements a revenue sharing program for all coastal states; Streamlines government roadblocks and bureaucratic red-tape that block and delay onshore American energy production.

Facilitates the development of energy on Indian lands by reducing Federal regulations that impede tribal development of Indian lands

Subdivision B – Bureau of Reclamation Conduit Hydropower Development Equity and Jobs Act

Authorizes a uniform, non-federal hydropower generation framework on all Reclamation conduits that promotes cost-effective renewable energy production and an environment for economic development and job creation, while generating federal revenue and protecting the environment

Subdivision C – Central Oregon Jobs and Water Security Act

Allows for hydropower development and water security through the re-designation of the Wild and Scenic boundary of the Crooked River.

Subdivision D – State Authority for Hydraulic Fracturing Regulation; EPA Hydraulic Fracturing Research

Prohibits the Bureau of Land Management from enforcing federal regulations on federal lands in states that already have state hydraulic regulations in place.

Subdivision E – Preventing Government Waste and Protecting Coal Mining Jobs in America

Stops the ongoing waste by the Department of the Interior of taxpayer resources and implements the final rule on excess spoil, mining waste, and buffers for perennial and intermittent streams.

Division C, Judiciary

Fosters job creation and economic growth by amending the Administrative Procedure Act to establish a more streamlined and transparent Federal permitting process for construction projects.